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Author's Words

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A big THANK YOU to all our readers for your support of Pokémon Adventures! It's the 14th volume of this series, and the 7th book of the "Gold, Silver and Crystal" story arc! Come to think of it, 7 volumes is the combined total for the first two stories! Hmm... so this has become a longer story than the previous two! And Vol.14 contains the last battle! So read on and immerse yourself in this exciting conclusion to Pokémon Adventures!!!

Satoshi Yamamoto

The seven main characters, all the gym leaders and sub-characters gather in this last battle! This crowd is definitely necessary in Pokémon Adventures! As the last battle draws near, more secrets are uncovered! Don't miss out the words uttered by the characters! Feel how they feel. Cry if you have to!!

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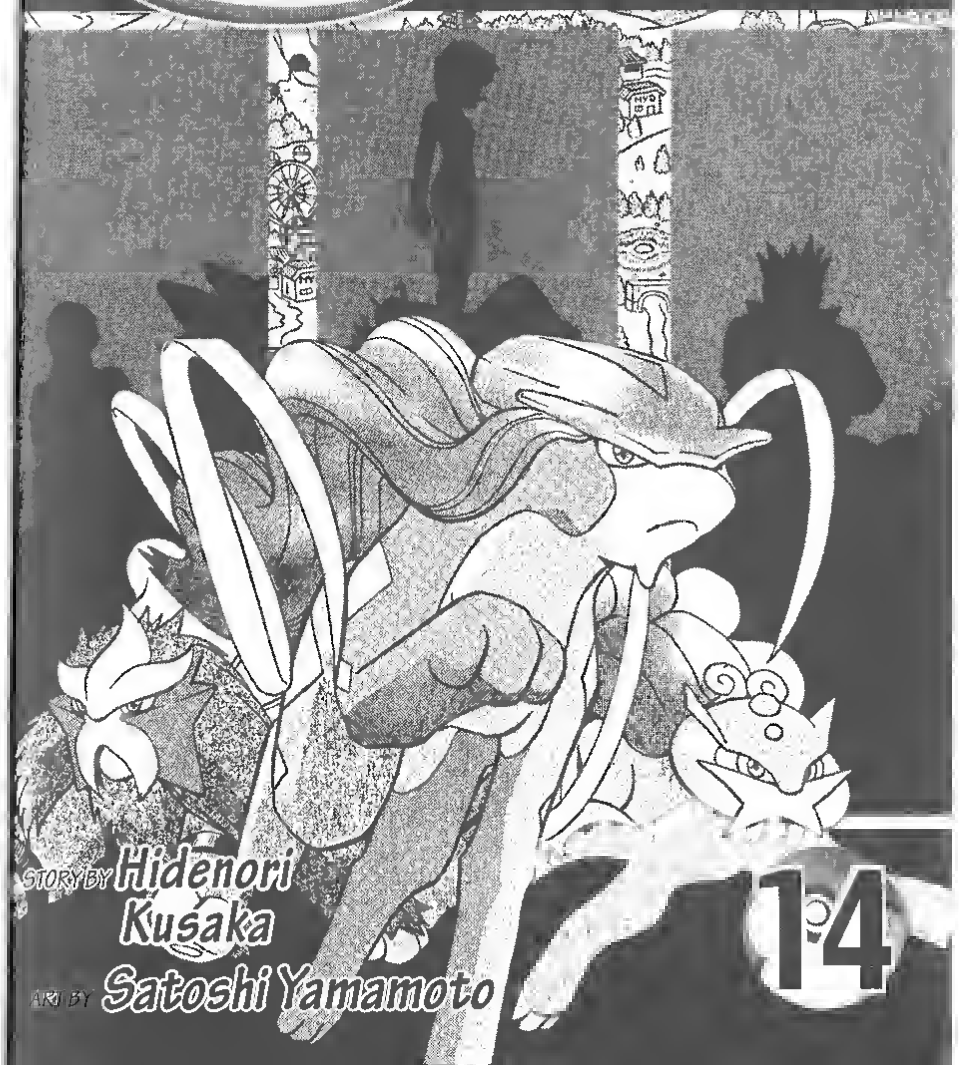

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The Main

Characters

SILVER

After escaping from the masked man, he has vowed to seek revenge!

CHRIS

She's the Pro when it comes to capturing Pokémon. Her mission is to collect data for the new Pokédex!

GOLD

A passionate but rash protagonist. He finally awakens and meets Chris...

YELLOW

GREEN

BLUE

RED

The story so far

st
the Pokémon League got off on a good
art with the Tournament of the Gym
aders, the Masked Man appeared with
m Rockets members to create havoc.
top of that, Lugia and Ho-oh made their
sence felt, blasting away at the
adium! Can Gold and Chris stop them
time?

THE MASKED MAN
(MASK OF ICE)

Consolidating the old Team Rocket, this mysterious man led Lugia and Ho-oh to the stadium in a surprise attack!

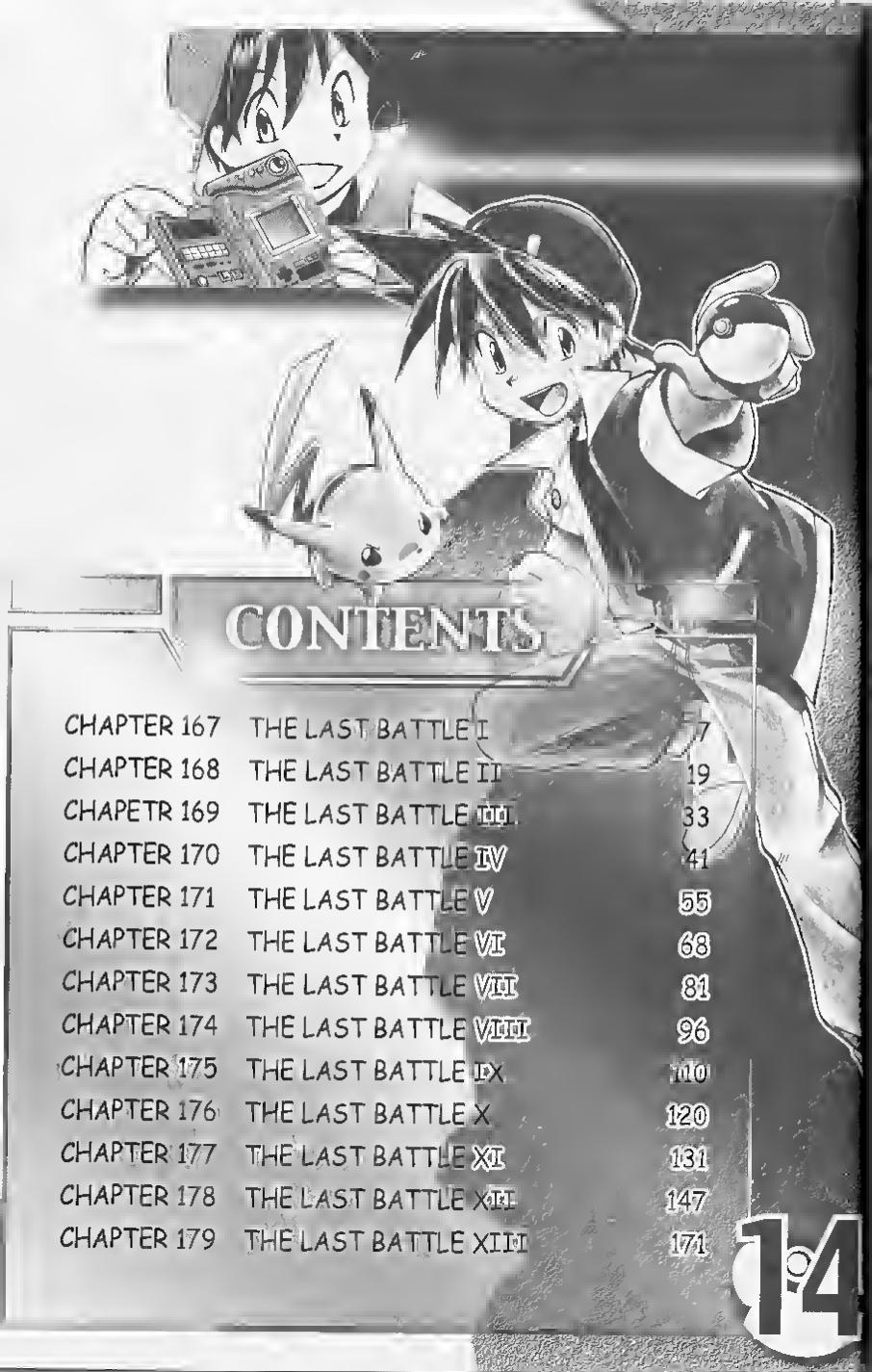
HO-HO

LUGIA

TEAM ROCKET MEMBERS

Gym Leaders of the Towns and Cities

POCKET MONSTER



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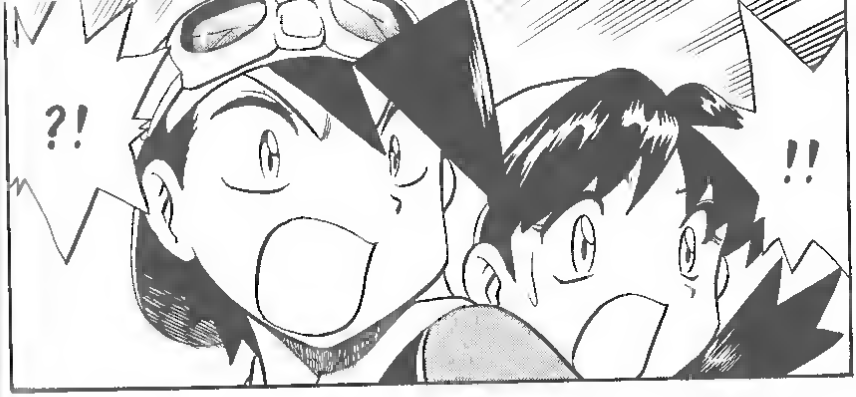
CHAPTER 167
THE LAST BATTLE I

GRRRR
HAHA HAHA HA!
KWAAR
TAT

YOUR SKILLS ARE NEEDED TO COMPLETE MY PLANS!
WHA... WHAT?

TO MAKE POKÉ-BALLS...!!
...WITH YOUR HANDS!!

THE POKÉBALL..
... TO CAPTURE TIME!!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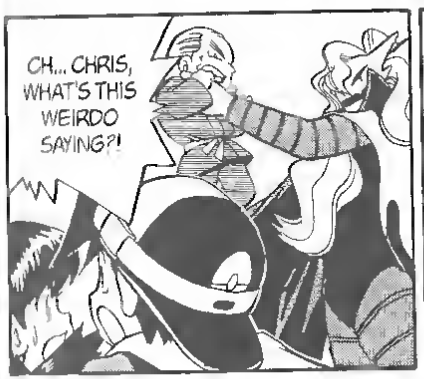
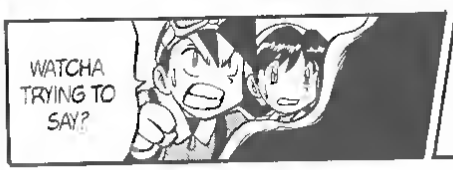
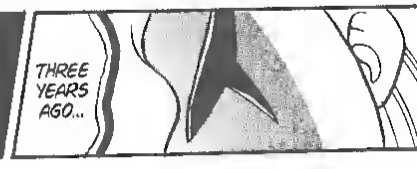

CH... CHRIS, WHAT'S THIS WEIRDO SAYING?!

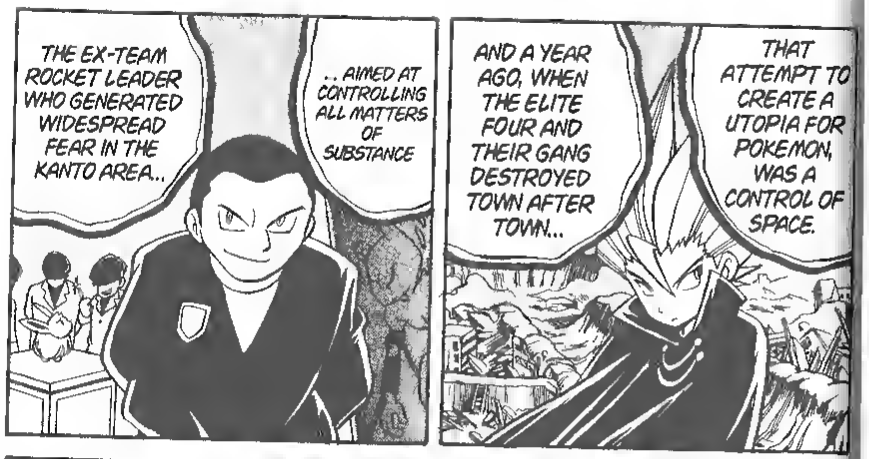
CHRIS... IS THAT YOUR NAME?
HAHA, I'M RATHER IMPRESSED BY YOUR FUTURE SIGHT.

THAT WAS AN ACCURATE ATTACK AT THE FUTURE.

EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY FOR A FEW SECONDS..
YOU GRASP TIME WELL..


WATCHA TRYING TO SAY?


THREE YEARS AGO...


THE EX-TEAM ROCKET LEADER WHO GENERATED WIDESPREAD FEAR IN THE KANTO AREA...
.. AIMED AT CONTROLLING ALL MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE
AND A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE ELITE FOUR AND THEIR GANG DESTROYED TOWN AFTER TOWN...
THAT ATTEMPT TO CREATE A UTOPIA FOR POKEMON, WAS A CONTROL OF SPACE.

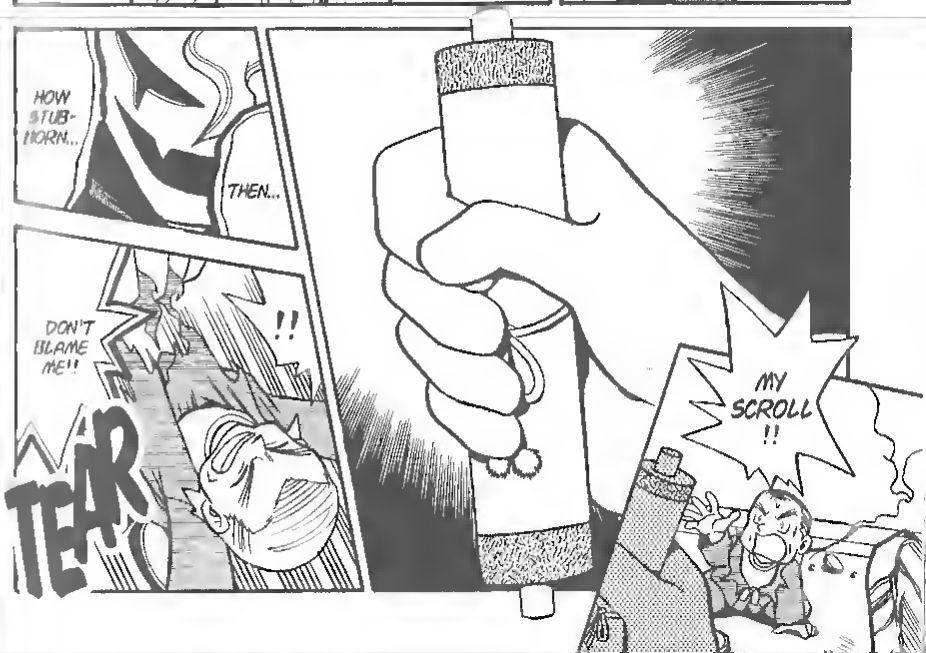
BUT I HAVE NO INTEREST IN CONTROLLING THESE THINGS!!
I WANT SOMETHING MORE VALUABLE!!

I WANT TIME!!
ABSOLUTE CONTROL OVER TIME!!
TIME?!
AND ONLY YOU CAN DO IT, KURT!
ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THE POKÉBALL CAPTURE TIME!!

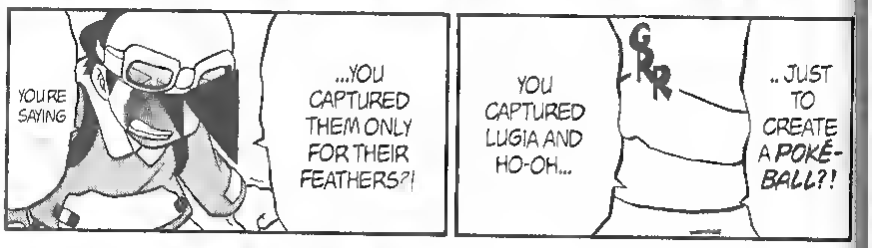
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...? HOW CAN A POKEBALL CAPTURE TIME?!
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT...

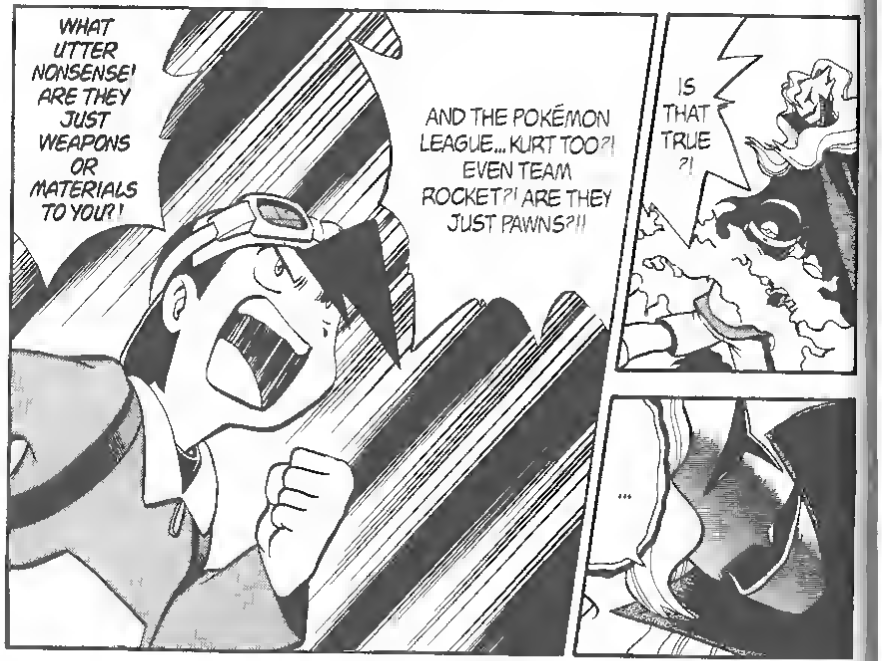
HOW CAN YOU STILL FEIGN IGNORANCE NOW?!
GRAB

STOP IT!!
I'VE GOTTA DO SOME THING!
UGHH


HOW STUB-BORN...
THEN...
DON'T BLAME ME!!
!!
TEAR
MY SCROLL !!

I KNOW THAT YOU ALWAYS CARRY THIS SECRET MANUAL OF SPECIAL POKÉBALLS WHEREVER YOU GO.
AHHH! IT'S HERE!!
HEAVY BALL, LURE BALL, LEVEL BALL, SPEED BALL...
AND NEARING THE END OF THE SCROLL
OPEN
SURPASSING TIME
IT'S NOT GONNA BE SO EASY!! SO WHAT IF YOU'VE THE MANUAL!!
IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE MATERIALS NEEDED TO MAKE THE CAPTURE NET...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY THAT..
ALL THE MATERIALS ARE...
... THERE !!
HUH ?!
SWOOSH
PLUCK
KONCK
FEAT-HERS ?!
RAINBOW WING AND...
...SILVER WING!
THESE WILL BE USED TO WEAVE THE CAPTURE NET! HAHAHA... WEAVE THE THREADS TO GRIP EVEN TIME!
WHAT...
HA... HAHA!
WAH HAH HAH!!
STOP THIS NONSENSE NOW!!

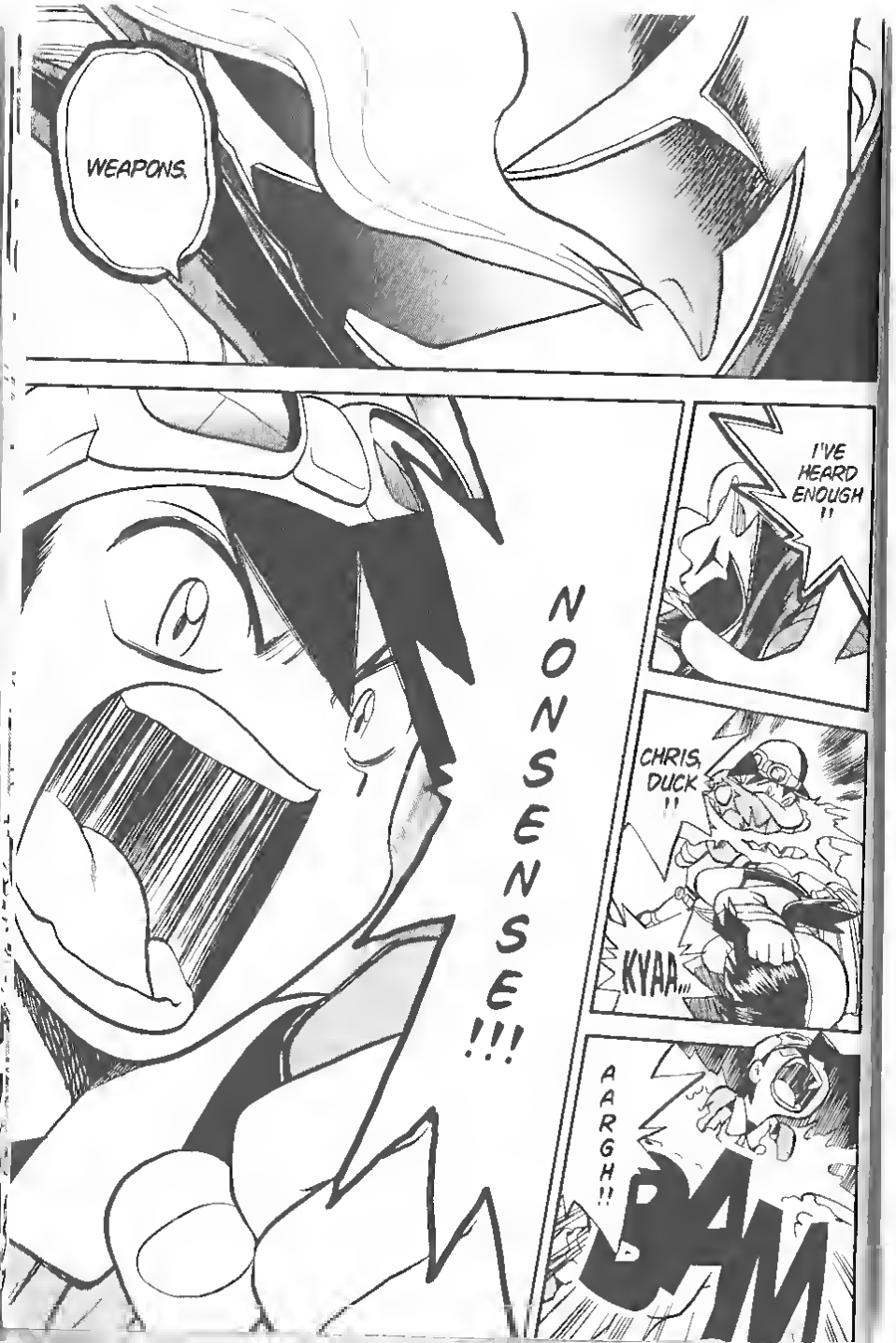

YOU'RE SAYING
...YOU CAPTURED THEM ONLY FOR THEIR FEATHERS?!
YOU CAPTURED LUGIA AND HO-OH...
GRR
..JUST TO CREATE A POKÉ-BALL?!


WHAT UTTER NONSENSE! ARE THEY JUST WEAPONS OR MATERIALS TO YOU?!
AND THE POKÉMON LEAGUE... KURT TOO?! EVEN TEAM ROCKET?! ARE THEY JUST PAWNS?!!
IS THAT TRUE ?!
...

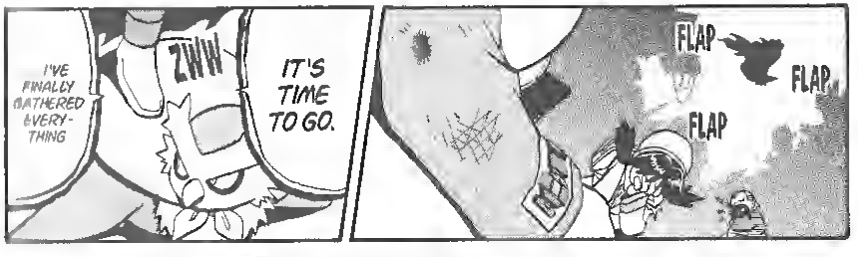
IT CAN'T BE, RIGHT?
EVEN IF IT'S TRUE... POKÉMON... THEY'RE DIFFERENT, RIGHT?

YOU MUST'VE BATTLED WITH POKÉMON BEFORE...
...YOU WON'T DEEM THEM AS BEING ONLY WEAPONS, WILL YOU?!

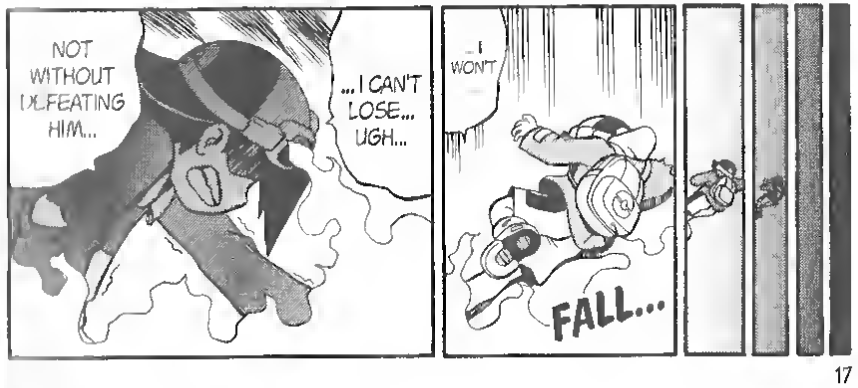
TELL ME NOW!!
WHAT ARE POKÉMON TO YOU?!
ANSWER ME!!


WEAPONS.
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH !!
NONSENSE!!!
CHRIS, DUCK !!
KYAA...
AARGH!!
BAM

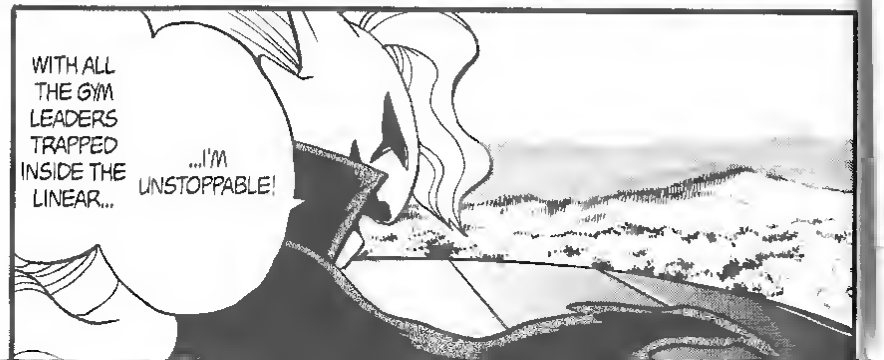
GOLD !!
BOOM
STOP IT!!
PLEASE... STOP!!


I'VE FINALLY GATHERED EVERYTHING
ZWW
IT'S TIME TO GO.
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

I...
...I CAN'T... LOSE...


NOT WITHOUT DEFEATING HIM...
...I CAN'T LOSE... UGH...
...I WON'T
FALL...

ONCE AGAIN... I HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE AT TIME!
KEKEKE. NOW...
S'WOOSH
I MUST HURRY... TO WHERE THE POKÉMON TIME APPEARS...
LET'S GO!
TO CLAIM BACK THE LOST TIME...
CRACK
...IN OUR JOURNEY THROUGH TIME!!



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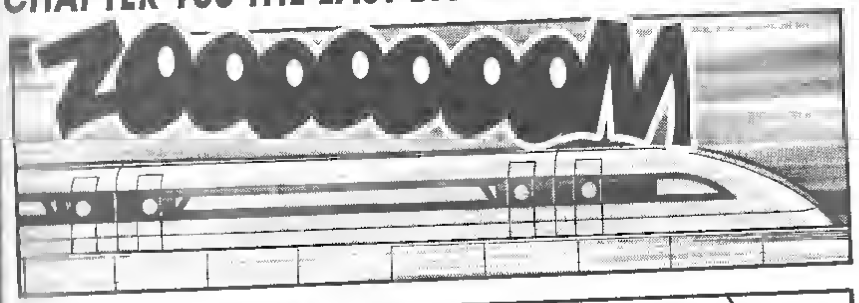

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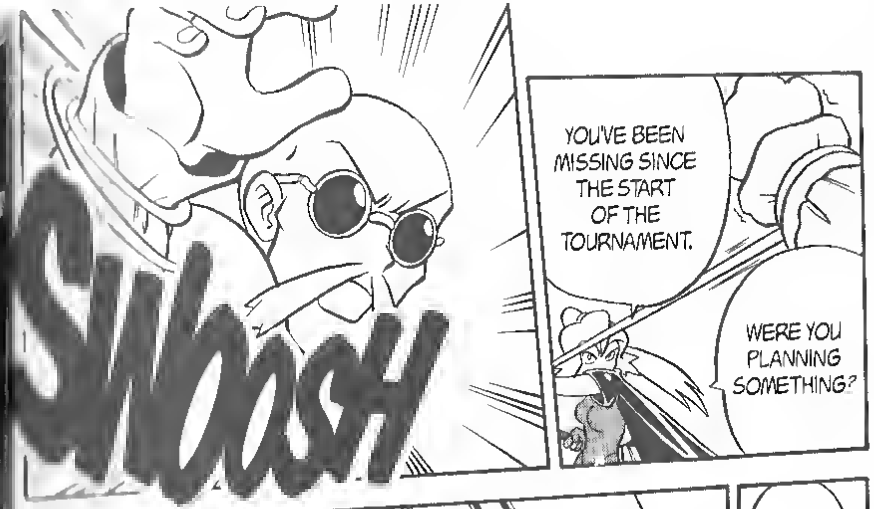
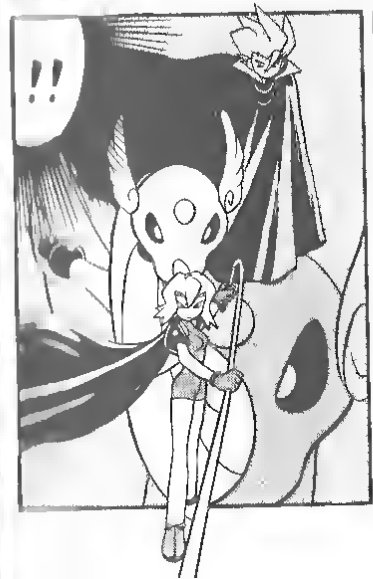
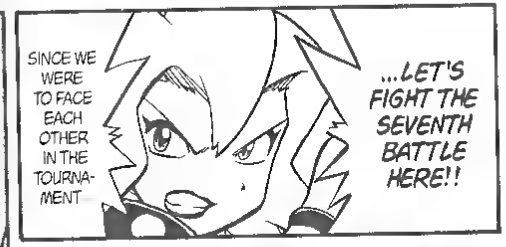
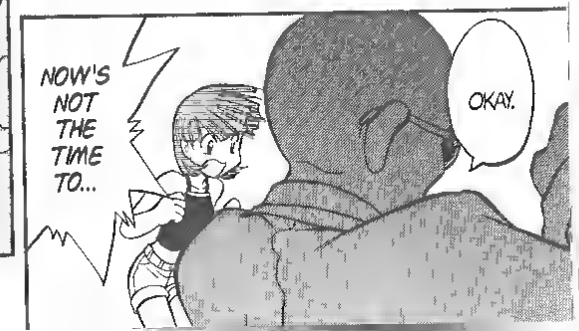


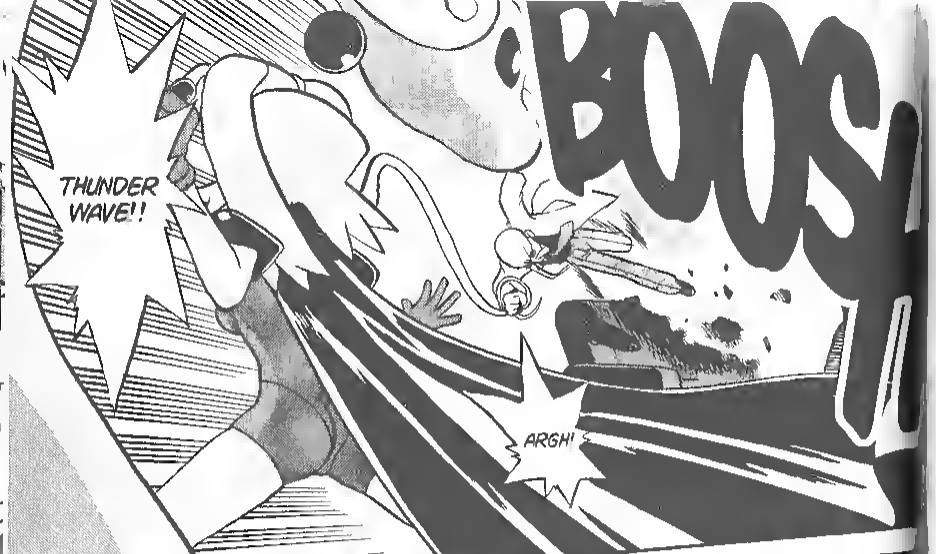




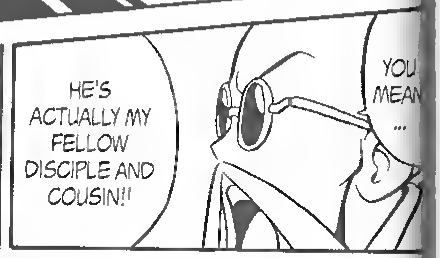


I DON'T MIND. BUT BEFORE THAT...
... PLEASE GIVE THE REST A HELPING HAND!!
...
BLAINE, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF TOO!!
ATTACK!
VOOM
STARMIE!!
R R
HA HA HA!
BAM
WOW! WHAT DRIVE...
WHY THE SUDDEN CHANGE OF HEART?
AH...

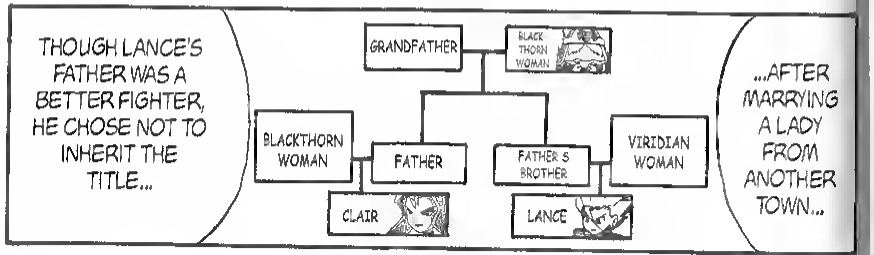
STARMIE
HUH?
POP
LOOKING FORWARD TO AN ANSWER TOWARDS YOUR FEELINGS AFTER THIS BATTLE?
IF SO, IT'S ONLY RIGHT TO LIFT YOUR SPIRITS FIRST WITH A FLOWER...
ERIKA ...
WE MUST DO SOMETHING TO STOP THESE PEOPLE WHO KEEP APPEARING FROM NOWHERE!!
BOMBAMBOM
YUP!
UNTIL A YEAR AGO...
...WE WERE IN CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER, TILL HE FOUGHT WITH YOU.
TELL ME!
EVERY-THING YOU KNOW!!

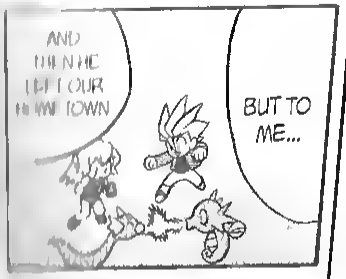

BOOSH
THUNDER WAVE!!
ARGH!

HUFF, HUFF. ARE YOU REFERRING TO LANCE, THE LEADER OF THE ELITE FOUR?
HE'S YOUR BROTHER?

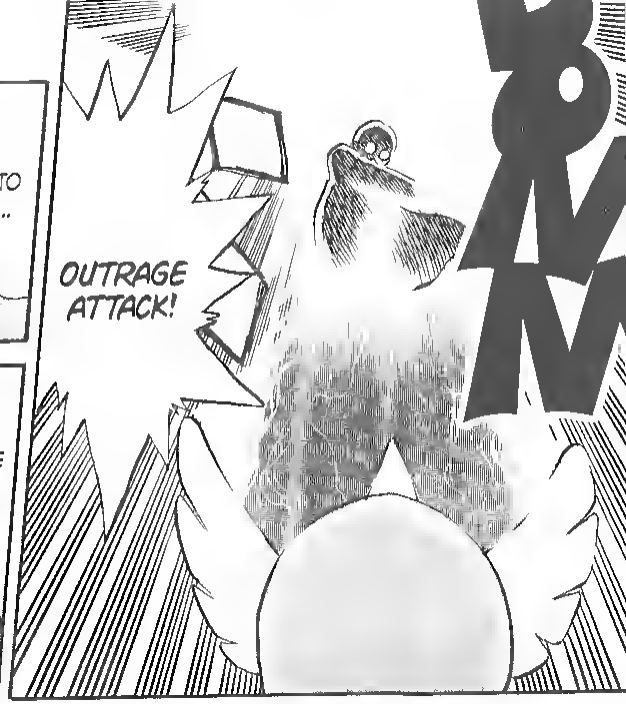

HE'S ACTUALLY MY FELLOW DISCIPLE AND COUSIN!!
YOU MEAN...

BOTH OUR FATHERS WERE HEIRS TO THE TITLE OF DRAGON USERS IN BLACKTHORN.
AND THEY WERE SONS TO THE PREVIOUS LEADER.


THOUGH LANCE'S FATHER WAS A BETTER FIGHTER, HE CHOSE NOT TO INHERIT THE TITLE...
GRANDFATHER
BLACK THORN WOMAN
BLACKTHORN WOMAN
FATHER
FATHER'S BROTHER
VIRIDIAN WOMAN
CLAIR
LANCE
...AFTER MARRYING A LADY FROM ANOTHER TOWN...

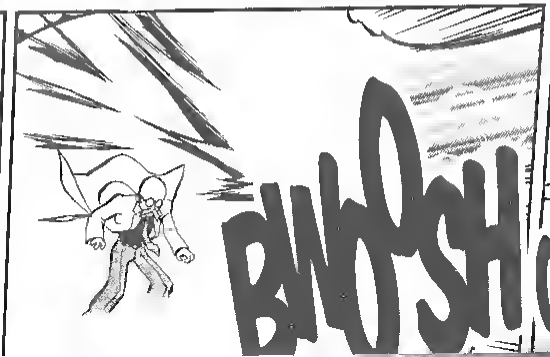

AND THEN HE LEFT OUR HOME TOWN
BUT TO ME...

WHERE IS HE!!


OUTRAGE ATTACK!

BLAST

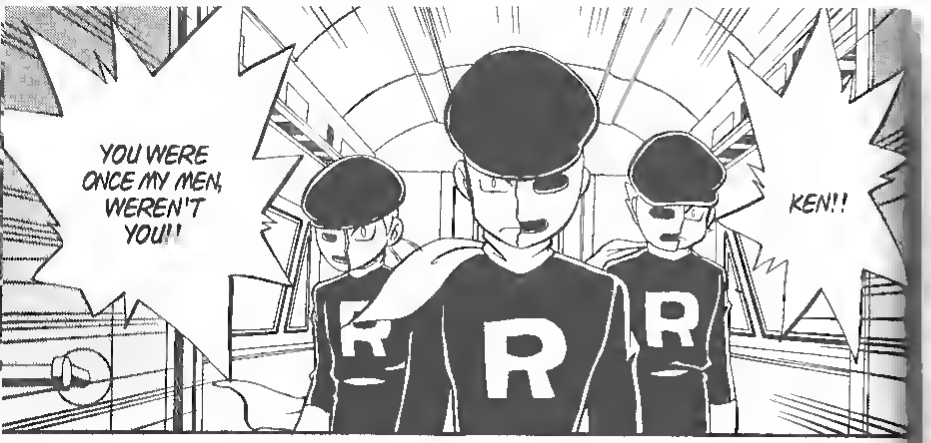
WHAT?!


BWOOSH

HE ACTUALLY RETURNED MY OUTRAGE ATTACK...!

THAT POKÉ-MON.
WOOAAH!!
BASH
DONG
IF...
...THIS IS OF ANY CONDOLENCE TO YOU... I CAN TELL YOU THIS....

HE MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE!
IF THIS CONDEMNED BODY OF MINE IS STILL LIVING, HE MUST BE DOING EVEN BETTER...
...SINCE HE HAS A STRONGER BODY AND SPIRIT THAN I DO!!
DAT
ZAW
DRAT...
WATCHA THINK YOU'RE DOING?!


YOU WERE ONCE MY MEN, WEREN'T YOU!!
KEN!!

HARRY AND AL TOO! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT OUR LEADER?!

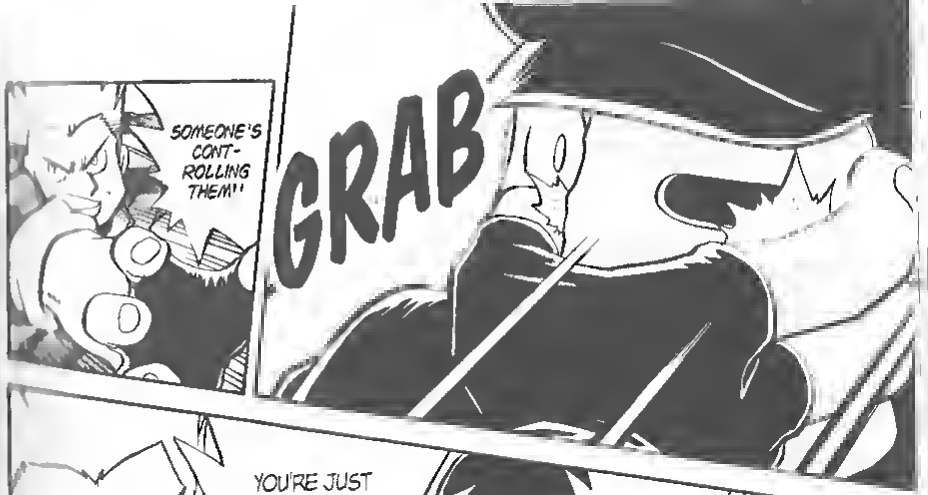
JUST BECAUSE HE'S NOT AROUND...
... DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN BLINDLY FOLLOW SOMEONE ELSE!!

CLENCH

OCTAZOOKA !!
BOOST

ARGH !!
BANG

THEY DON'T EVEN RECOGNIZE ME...
NO...


SOMEONE'S CONTROLLING THEM!!
GRAB

YOU'RE JUST WANDERING SOULS IF YOU DON'T HAVE A MIND OF YOUR OWN!!
RECALL! REMEMBER OUR TASKS!!

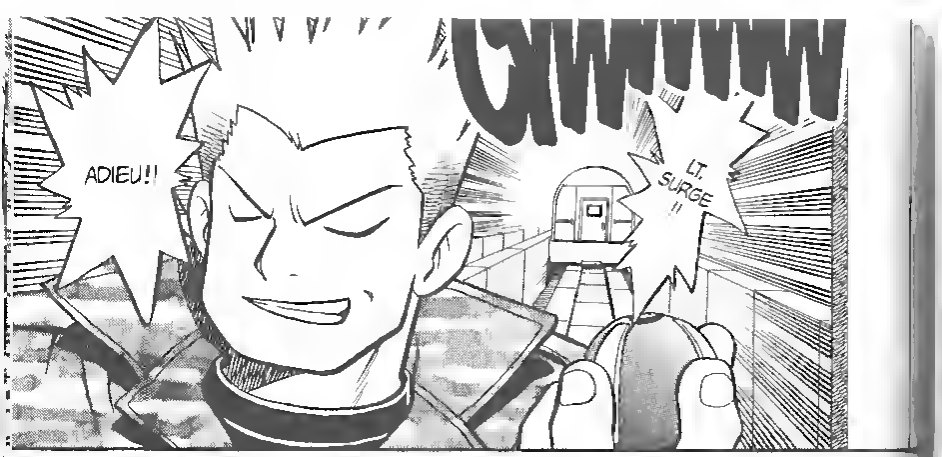
YOUR MIND BELONGS TO YOU, I'M SURE YOU CAN REMEMBER!!
OUR LEADER'S WORDS ON THE DAY TEAM ROCKET WAS FORMED!!

TURN THE TOWNS UPSIDE DOWN!!
TOOTHS OF EVIL!! LASH OUT YOUR ANGER!!

RAID ON THE CITY, KNOCK OUT... EVIL TUSKS...
R...O... C...K... E...T...
ROC... KET...

AHH.. AHH...
THAT'S RIGHT! RECALL HIS WORDS!!
CRACK
CRACK
CRA
THE INITIALS OF OUR MOTTO ITSELF BECAME THE NAME OF O... ORGANIZATION!!
REMEMBER !!
OUR PRIDE AND MOTTO!!
BRRUNK!
R

BUSH
ARGHH... LT. SURGE!
WE... WE...
REMEMBER!
WELL DONE, MEN! NOW...
I'M LEAVING THIS PLACE TO YOU!! YOU'VE GOTTA AWAKEN EVERY MEMBER!!
HYWWW
LT. SURGE?!
I'M GOING BACK TO THE STADIUM!!
THE MASKED MAN'S MOTIVE WAS TO LURE US AWAY, SO AS TO CREATE HAVOC AT THE STADIUM!!
I WILL AVENGE US, AND MORE...
KRASH
GAOSH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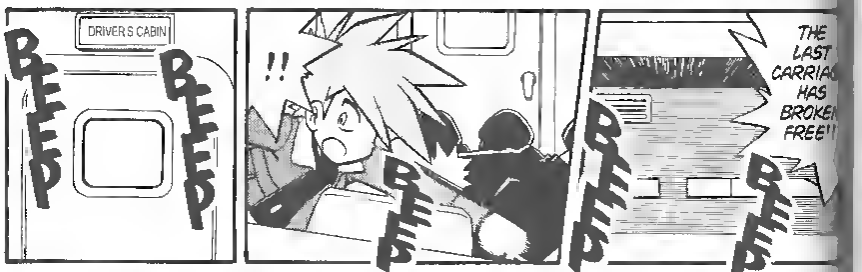
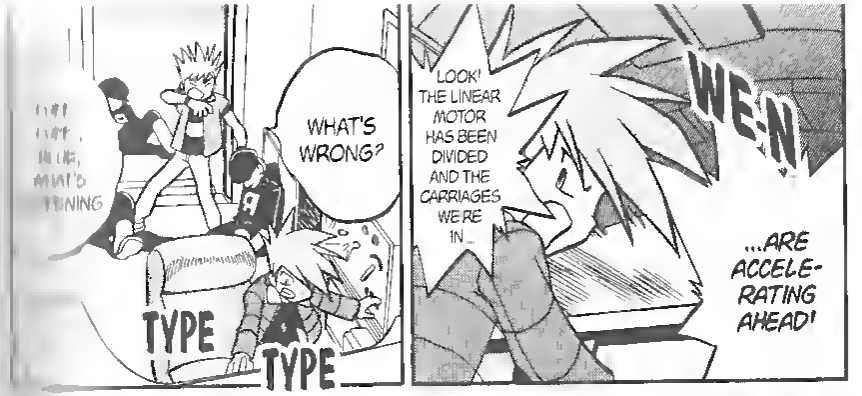
LT. SURGE!!


DRIVER'S CABIN
BEEP
BEEP
!!
BEEP
THE LAST CARRIAGE HAS BROKEN FREE!!
BEEP

BUT THE REMAINING THREE ARE SPEEDING AHEAD!!


WHAT'S WRONG?
TYPE
TYPE
LOOK! THE LINEAR MOTOR HAS BEEN DIVIDED AND THE CARRIAGES WE'RE IN...
WE-N
...ARE ACCELE-RATING AHEAD!

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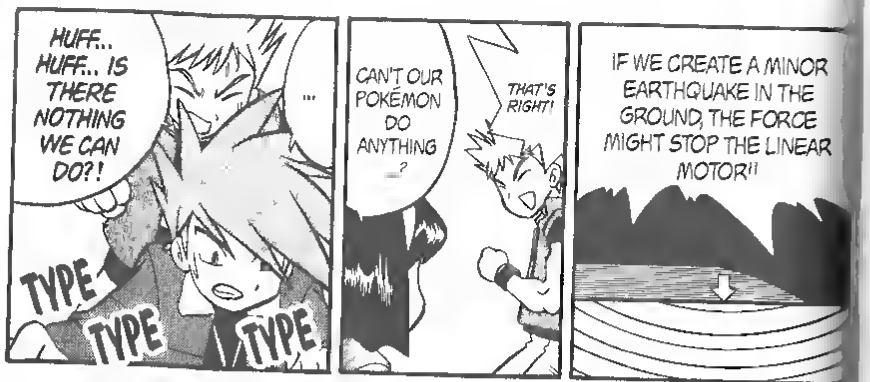
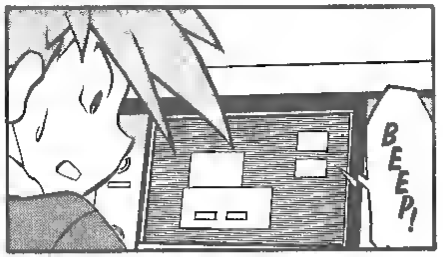
THE LAST BATTLE III
ARGH! IF THIS GOES ON...!!

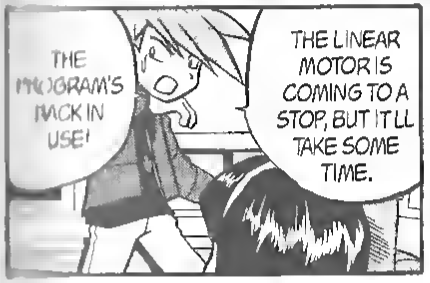

HUFF... HUFF... IS THERE NOTHING WE CAN DO?!
...
TYPE
TYPE
TYPE
CAN'T OUR POKÉMON DO ANYTHING ...?
THAT'S RIGHT!
IF WE CREATE A MINOR EARTHQUAKE IN THE GROUND, THE FORCE MIGHT STOP THE LINEAR MOTOR!!

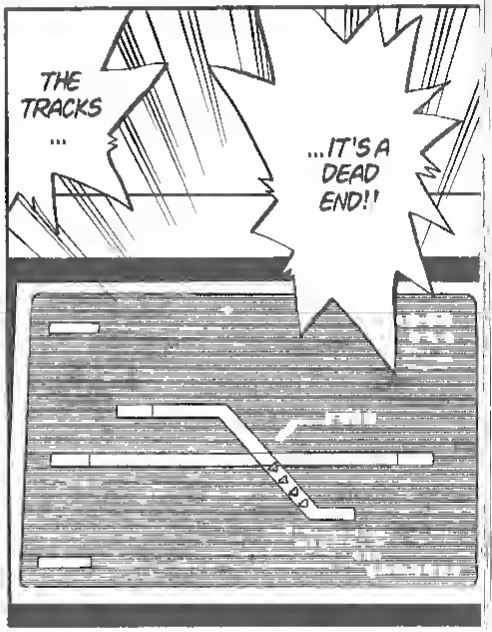
READY!
BOM

MAGNITUDE!!
GIIAAGRRR
BONG
SCREECH

IT IS NOT WORKING! THE IMPACT IS TOO INSIGNIFICANT!!
OH NO!!

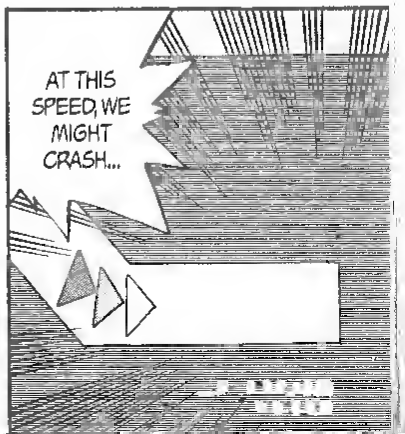

BEEP!

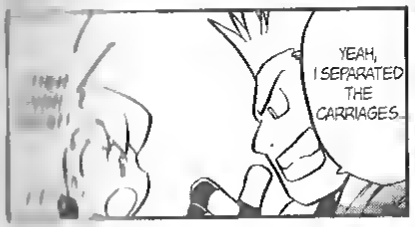

THE PROGRAM'S BACK IN USE!
THE LINEAR MOTOR IS COMING TO A STOP, BUT IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME.

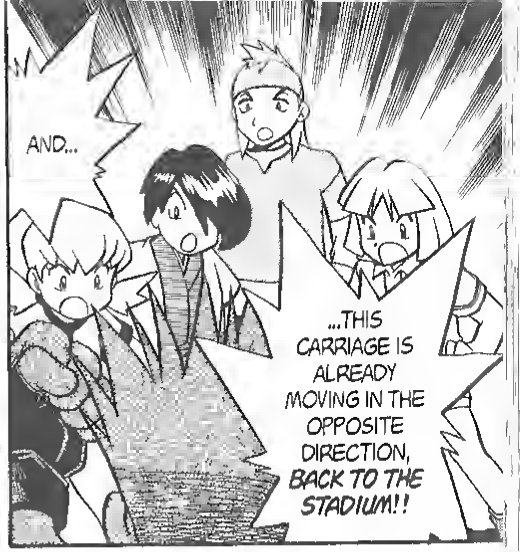

THE TRACKS ...
...IT'S A DEAD END!!

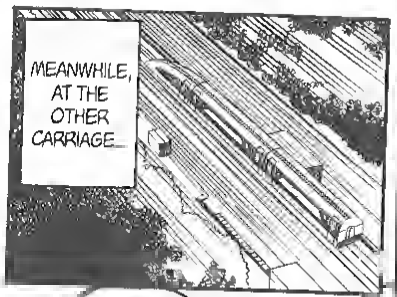
BLUE, THE PROGRAM MAY BE BACK TO NORMAL BUT...
...LOOK!

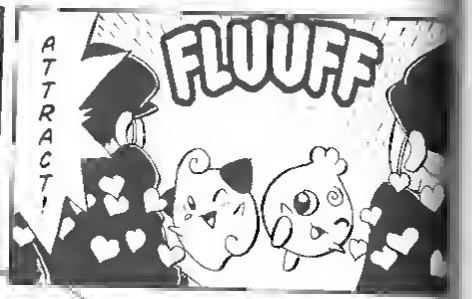
THE COURSE HAS BEEN ALTERED?!
IT WILL BE TOO LATE BY THE TIME THE LINEAR MOTOR COMES TO A FULL STOP!

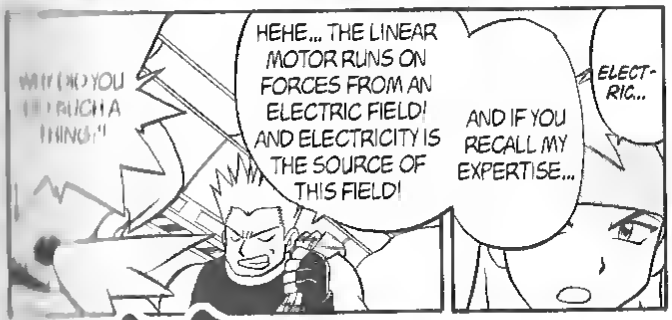

AT THIS SPEED, WE MIGHT CRASH...


YEAH, I SEPARATED THE CARRIAGES.

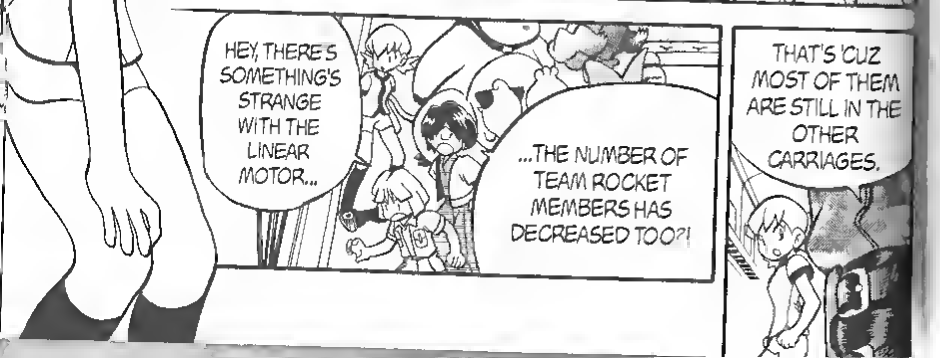

AND...
...THIS CARRIAGE IS ALREADY MOVING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, BACK TO THE STADIUM!!


MEANWHILE, AT THE OTHER CARRIAGE...

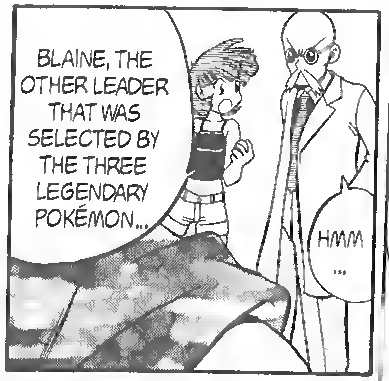

FLUUFF
ATTRACT!


HEHE... THE LINEAR MOTOR RUNS ON FORCES FROM AN ELECTRIC FIELD! AND ELECTRICITY IS THE SOURCE OF THIS FIELD!
AND IF YOU RECALL MY EXPERTISE...
ELECT-RIC...
BUT WHERE DID YOU GET THE STRENGTH TO CHANGE THE LINEAR MOTOR'S COURSE?

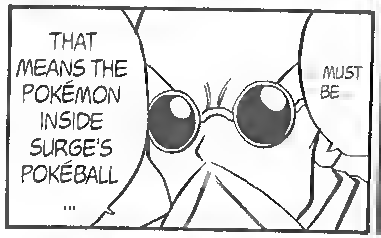
PHEW... WE'RE ALMOST DONE.
WE CAN USE MIL MIL'S MI BERRY FOR YOUR POKÉMON RECOVERY.


HEY, THERE'S SOMETHING'S STRANGE WITH THE LINEAR MOTOR...
...THE NUMBER OF TEAM ROCKET MEMBERS HAS DECREASED TOO?!
THAT'S 'CUZ MOST OF THEM ARE STILL IN THE OTHER CARRIAGES.

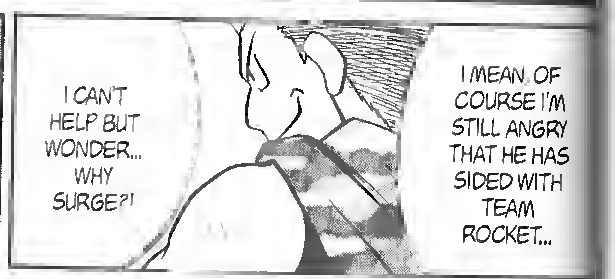
BZSSSH
RIGHT HERE !!

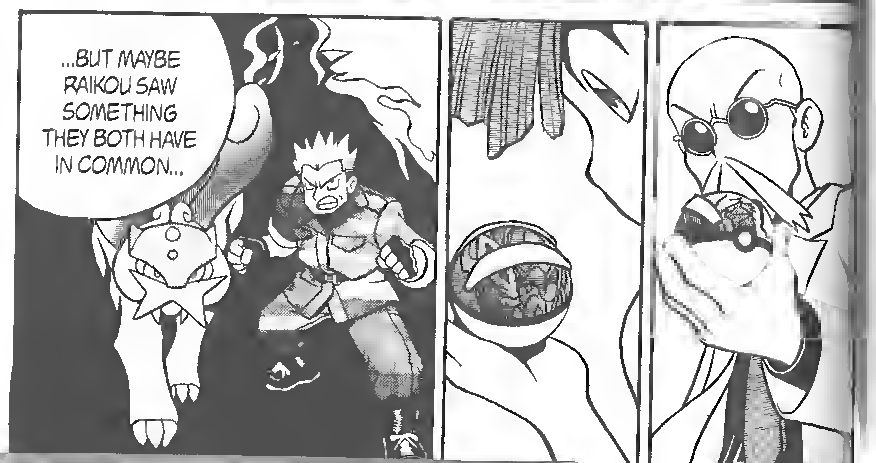

BLAINE, THE OTHER LEADER THAT WAS SELECTED BY THE THREE LEGENDARY POKÉMON...
HMM ...

RAIKOU!!

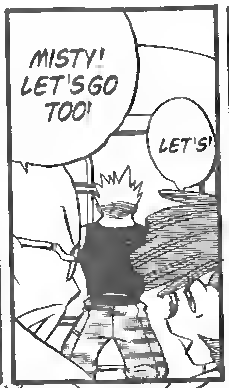

THAT MEANS THE POKÉMON INSIDE SURGE'S POKÉBALL ...
MUST BE

RAIKOU


I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER... WHY SURGE?!
I MEAN, OF COURSE I'M STILL ANGRY THAT HE HAS SIDED WITH TEAM ROCKET...

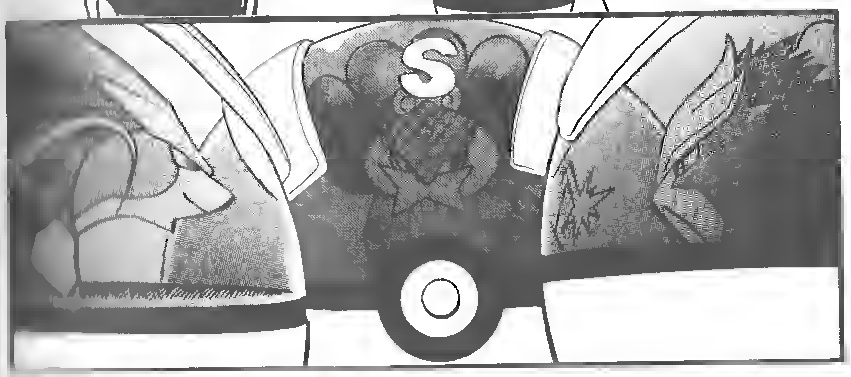

...BUT MAYBE RAIKOU SAW SOMETHING THEY BOTH HAVE IN COMMON...

WE'RE NEARING INDIGO... I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER! I'M MAKING A MOVE FIRST!!


MISTY! LET'S GO TOO!
LET'S!

WAIT UP, SURGE! LET ME EXPLAIN OUR STRATEGY!!
HUH?!

SHWH



SHOOT

GNOOA

CREAK
HUFF... PUFF... I MEANT TO GATHER THE LEADERS TO UNCOVER THE CULPRIT...
... HOW DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?
AND THE MASKED MAN EVEN HAS LUGIA AND HO-OH UNDER HIS COMMAND!
WE'RE GONNA LOSE! EVEN IF THE TRAINERS THAT PROF OAK SENT ARE THE BEST, THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN WIN THIS BATTLE!!
YOU'RE WRONG!
AAAA

KAAAA
KAAAA
KAAAA

WHO...?!
AND WE'RE THE ONES SELECTED TO BATTLE ALONGSIDE THEM!
YOU ARE...!!
SUICUNE, RAIKOU AND ENTEI!!
THE THREE LEGENDARY POKÉMON THAT WERE REVIVED FROM THE BURNED TOWER!!
KYAAA
KAAN
THE EXPERTS OF WATER, FIRE AND ELECTRIC!!

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WOOSH
WOAAH!
WE WON'T LET YOU OFF JUST YET!
SUICUNE!!
AND RAIKOU... AND ENTEI?! ALL THREE OF THEM?!
SUICUNE, RAIKOU AND ENTEI!!
YOU SHOULD HAVE REMAINED ASLEEP IN THE TOWER!!
URGH!!
BREA
BREA

LUGIA!! HO-OH!!
AERO-BLAST!!
CRAW
HA HA HA! LOOKS LIKE JOINING UP WITH A TRAINER WAS I SO SMART AFTER ALL!!
YOU CAN NO LONGER BATTLE AT WILL!!
EVEN IF YOU GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT, YOUR NEW TRAINERS WILL BE BLASTED TO SMITHEREENS!!
THAT MAY BE TRUE... BUT!!
?!

CAW
DONG
ENTEI! DON'T HOLD BACK YOUR FIRE !!
FULL BLAST!!
MINI OXYGEN TANKS?!
THE TRAINERS ARE READY TO LET THEIR POKÉMON ATTACK WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION!!
I CREATED THEM WITH THIS BATTLE IN MIND!!
AND THIS TOO!!
KYAA KYAA KYAA

TONG
KWWWNKWWWN
DOOO
MOOO
BA

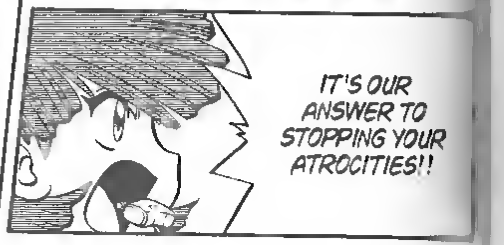
GWAAAH

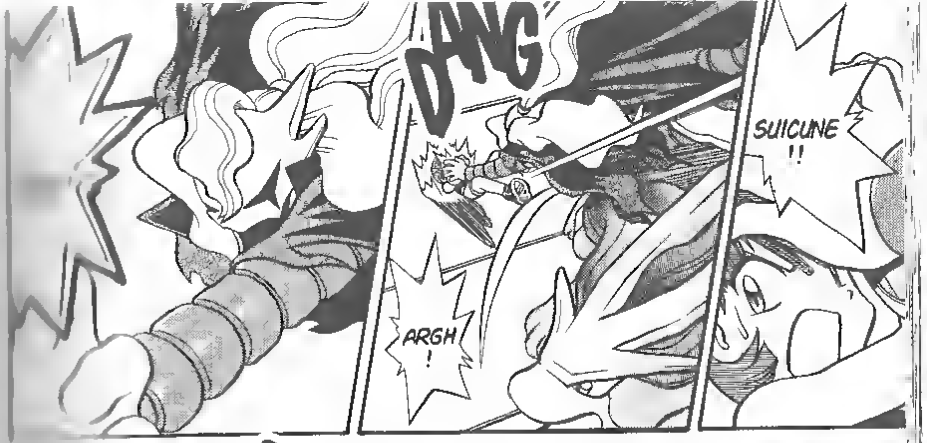
WO... WOW !!

IT'S A MAGNET THAT INCREASES THE PROWESS OF THE USER'S EXPERT TYPE.
THAT TOOL JUST MULTIPLIED RAIKOU'S ELECTRIC ATTACK!!

NOT ONLY THAT, THE TOOL I USED FOR ENTEI WAS A CHARCOAL FROM GLEN'S FLAMES!!
MY MYSTERIOUS DEW MULTIPLIED SUICUNE'S WATER ATTACKS!!

WE, AS GYM LEADERS, KNOW THE TECHNIQUES TO MAXIMIZE THE ATTACK DAMAGE OF OUR EXPERT POKÉMON TYPE!!


IT'S OUR ANSWER TO STOPPING YOUR ATROCITIES!!


BANG
SUICUNE !!
ARGH !

ZAAWW

BWAAR

I MAY NOT KNOW WHAT SUICUNE'S SAYING...
GRR
BUT WITH STARMIE'S HELP, I CAN READ HIS ANCIENT LANGUAGE!!
GRR
AND I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED NINE YEARS AGO TOO!!

NINE YEARS AGO, YOU CAPTURED THE LEGENDARY POKÉMON HO-OH.
AND YOU MADE USED OF HO-OH TO CAPTURE CHILDREN WHOM YOU THINK POSSESS GOOD TRAINER QUALITIES.
YOU MADE USE OF THE CHILDREN TO CARRY OUT TESTS AND RESEARCH ON TIME CONTROL!!
BUT THERE WERE OTHERS WHO SWORE TO STOP YOU!
THERE'RE POKÉMON WHO WON'T ALLOW YOU TO USE HO-OH FOR EVIL DEEDS!
AND THEY'RE SUICUNE!
RAI-KOU!!
AND ENTEI !!!
KEKEKE, YOU'RE RIGHT! THEY'RE ALL FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF HO-OH!
THAT'S WHY IT'S UNFORGIVABLE THAT THEY BETRAY AND CHALLENGE HIS POWER... DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY DON'T STAND A CHANCE!!

BUT THEY WON AND RELEASED HO-OH FROM YOUR CONTROL!
...BUT THEY WERE IN TURN SEALED UNDER THE BURNED TOWER BY YOU!!
WAHAHAHA! IF YOU KNEW WHAT HAPPENED THEN, GUESS YOU KNOW THE ENDING THIS TIME ROUND TOO!
IF THEY COULDN'T DEFEAT ME THEN...
THEY CAN'T DEFEAT ME NOW !!
OWNER OF TIN TOWER, HO-OH!!
PLEASE TRY TO RECALL!!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO GAVE US THE CHANCE TO LIVE 150 YEARS AGO!!
PLEASE RELEASE YOURSELF FROM HIS EVIL CLUTCHES...
...AND RETURN AS OUR TOWER OWNER!!

LONG
LET GO!!
BOM
NO! I WON'T LET GO!!
BOM
IT'S A PROMISE I MADE TO SUICUNE!
A PROMISE I MADE BEFORE THIS BATTLE!!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!
NO MATTER WHAT!!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP ME?!
I CAN TOO!! SEE FOR YOURSELF!!
!!
SUICUNE ?!
GORR GRR GRR
OH NO!!

THAT'S ..?!
IT'S THE WALL THAT SUICUNE CREATES TO KEEP PURSUERS AWAY...
YUP!!
CRYSTAL WALL!!
GRRR GRRR GRR

NEW BARK TOWN
GRANT, DID YOU HEAR THIS RADIO TRANSMISSION ?!
BEEP GRZZ GRZZZ
YEAH... BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE RADIO'S SPOILT!
THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THIS POKÉMON LEAGUE WAS CAREFULLY PLANNED BY PROF OAK AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION.
EVERYTHING SHOULD HAVE GONE AS PLANNED... GOLD WAS PRESENT TOO.
JUDGING FROM WHAT WE'VE HEARD, THE SITUATION MUST BE WORSE THAN EXPECTED.
GOLD MIGHT JUST BE...
THAT'S NOT TRUE!!
EVEN IF HE'S DOWN NOW, HE'LL DEFINITELY STAND UP AGAINST THE ENEMY AGAIN!!
THAT'S THE GOLD THAT I KNOW!!
GRR GRR GGRR GRR
TWITCH

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THIS IS A WALL ESPECIALLY CREATED TO TRAP YOU!
THERE'S NO ESCAPE FOR YOU!
WHILE WE WERE FIGHTING WITH LUGIA, DIVERTING HIS ATTENTION, MISTY'S DUEL WAS WITH THE MASKED MAN!
AND SUICUNE HAS MANAGED TO BUILD A CRYSTAL WALL AROUND MISTY AND SUICUNE!!
DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE ONLY SUCCEEDED AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE, EVERYTHING HAS GONE AS YOU'VE PLANNED, BLAINE!!
HAAHAHA! IT'S TIME TO UNRAVEL THE MYSTERY.
TAT
THE TRUE IDENTITY ..
...OF THE MASKED MAN'!
GRR
GRR
GRR
GET...

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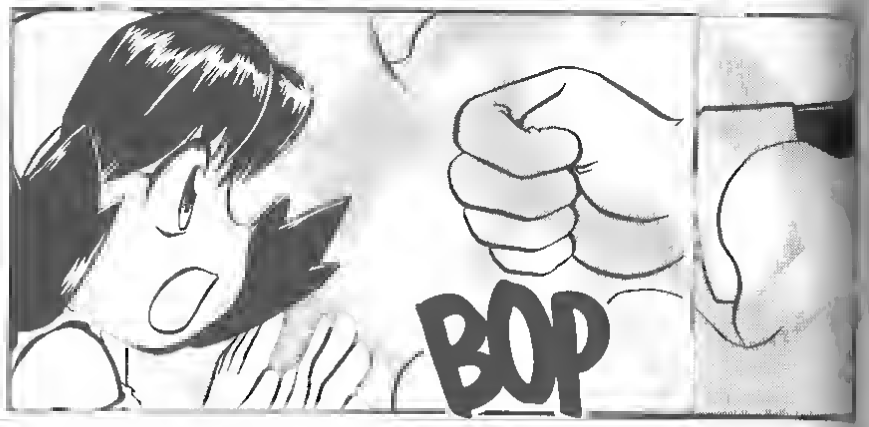
...OUTTA MY WAY!!
GAAW
WAH HAH HAH!!
SURGE!!
GRR
ARGH !!
GRA

DNG
...
HEHE...
!!
BANG
WELL DONE!!
BLAINE!! SURGE!
WHA... WHAT'S HAPPENING ?!
HOW CAN HE STILL TALK WHEN HIS BODY'S SPLIT INTO TWO AND THERE'S A HOLE IN HIS STOMACH!!

SUICUNE!! LET'S JOIN...
!!
SUICUNE?!
SUICUNE, WHAT HAPPENED !!
KEKEKE, KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED ...
GASTLY !!
IT'S GASTLY'S CURSE?!
WE WERE ATTACKED UNKNOWINGLY ?!
KEKEKE, YOUR ATTEMPT AT A CRYSTAL WALL HAS BEEN IN VAIN!

ONLY SUICUNE CAN BUILD THIS WALL AND ONLY HE CAN DESTROY IT.
IF HE LOSES CONSCIOUS-NESS WITHIN THESE WALLS...
ALL OF YOU WILL BE TRAPPED WITHIN THESE WALLS INSTEAD!!
CRACK
DONG
KYAA!!
KANG
GAAAAW
I..I... CAN'T BREATHE
FLAP
FLAP
KOFF!
QUICK !!
THE MINI OXYGEN TANK !!
ARGH
URGH
URGH...
BOM
GASTLY
...I'LL LEAVE THIS TO YOU.
THEY'RE TRAPPED INSIDE!!
THESE WALLS ARE THE TOUGHEST TO BREAK OUT OF! I WOULD KNOW, I'VE BEEN TRAPPED IN ONE BEFORE!
GONG
IF WE WANT TO BREAK THEM... SUICUNE! WAKE UP!!
GA GA GA
RING

RRII-NG
RRII-NG
THAT SOUND ...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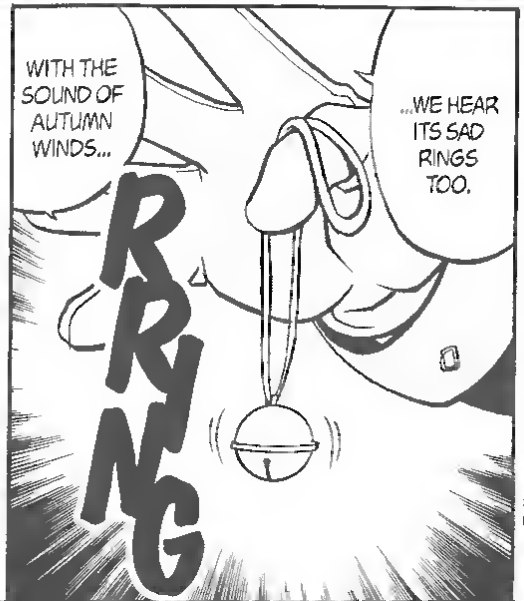
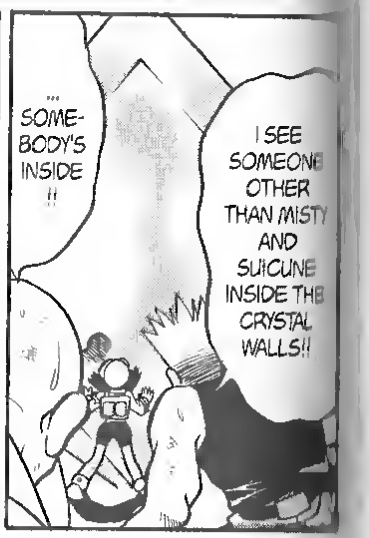
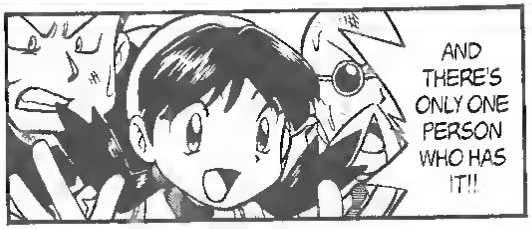

WITH THE SOUND OF AUTUMN WINDS...
...WE HEAR ITS SAD RINGS TOO.
RRING

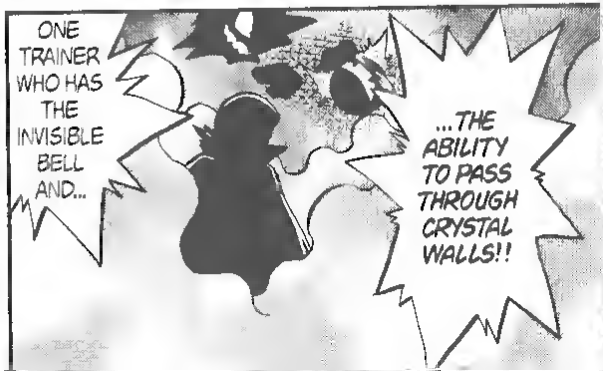

...SOMEBODY'S INSIDE !!
I SEE SOMEONE OTHER THAN MISTY AND SUICUNE INSIDE THE CRYSTAL WALLS!!

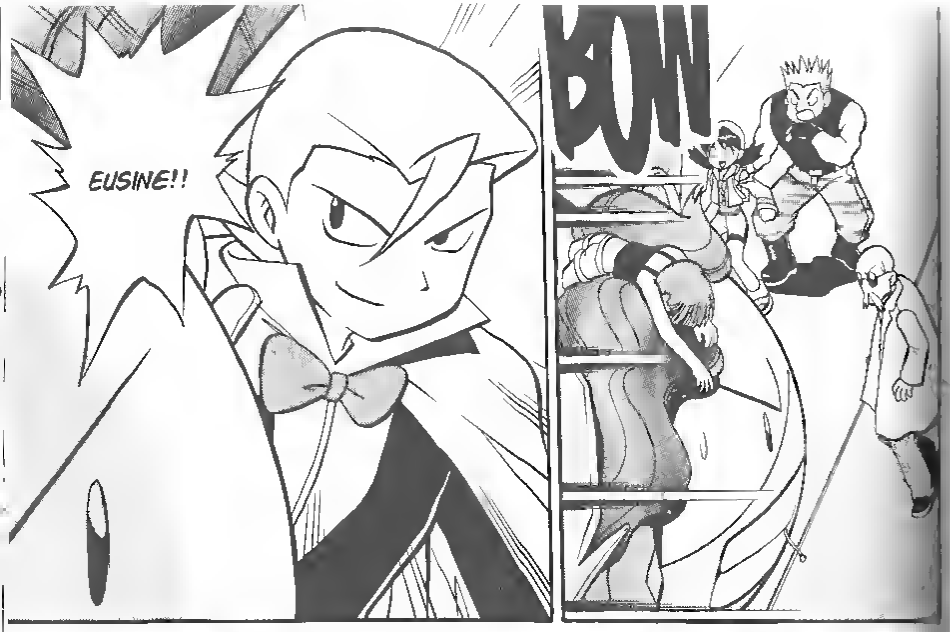
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR CAUSING SUCH MISERY TO MY BELOVED SUICUNE.
BO

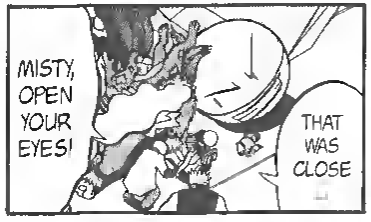
GO GN
NOW ELECTRODE, WE MUST GET THIS LADY AND SUICUNE OUT OF HERE.

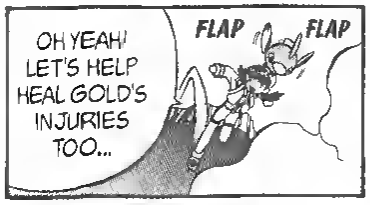
..I KNOW! THAT'S THE SOUND OF THE INVISIBLE BELL!!
IT'S A TOOL THAT ALLOWS THE POSSESSOR TO EASILY PASS THROUGH THESE WALLS.

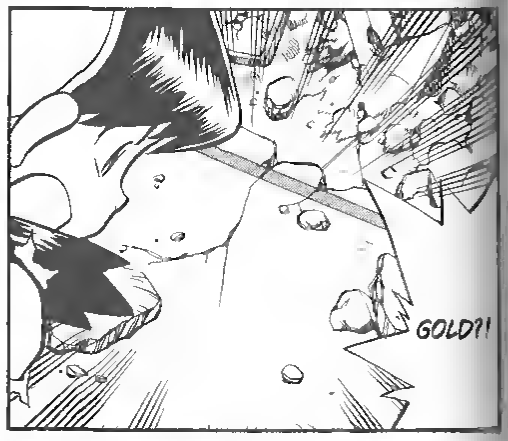

AND THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO HAS IT!!


ONE TRAINER WHO HAS THE INVISIBLE BELL AND...
...THE ABILITY TO PASS THROUGH CRYSTAL WALLS!!

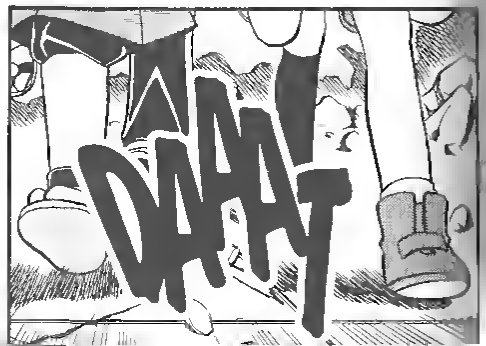

EUSINE!!
BOOM

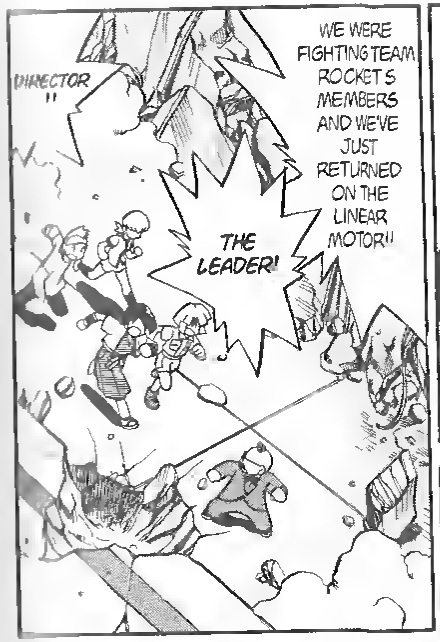

MISTY, OPEN YOUR EYES!
THAT WAS CLOSE


OH YEAH! LET'S HELP HEAL GOLD'S INJURIES TOO...
FLAP
FLAP

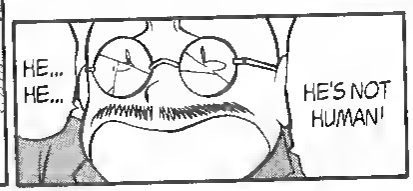

GOLD?!

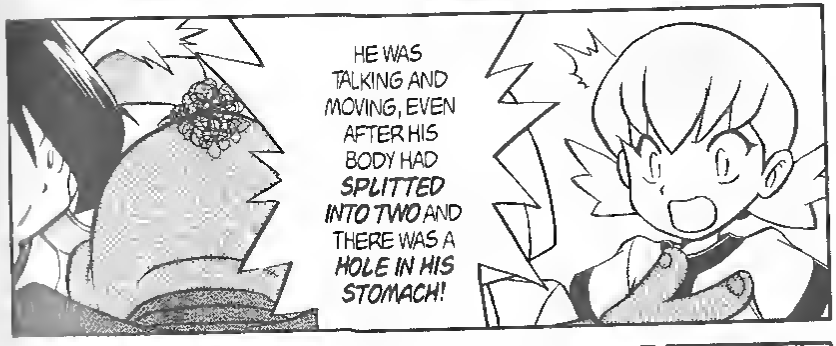
GOLD'S GONE!!
OH NO!! DON'T TELL ME HE HAS GONE AFTER ...


DAAH!


DIRECTOR !!
WE WERE FIGHTING TEAM ROCKET'S MEMBERS AND WE'VE JUST RETURNED ON THE LINEAR MOTOR!!
THE LEADER!

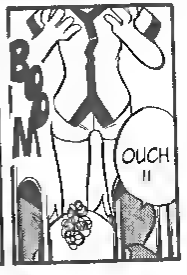
WE SAW A SHADOW LEAVING THE STADIUM AS WE WERE COMING IN, IS HE THE SAME PERSON WHO APPEARED ON THE AURORA VISION AND CAUSED ALL THESE DAMAGE?!
YES... HE WAS TOO STRONG!

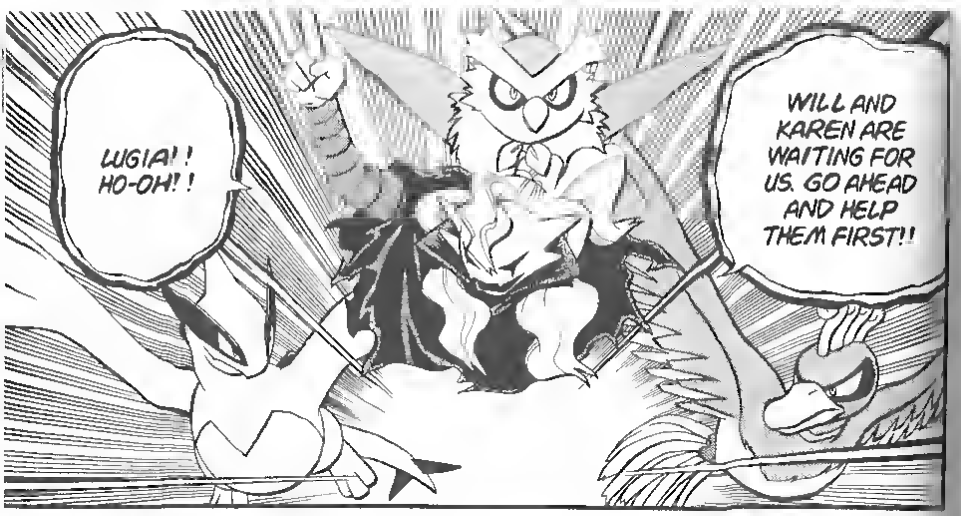

HE... HE...
HE'S NOT HUMAN!

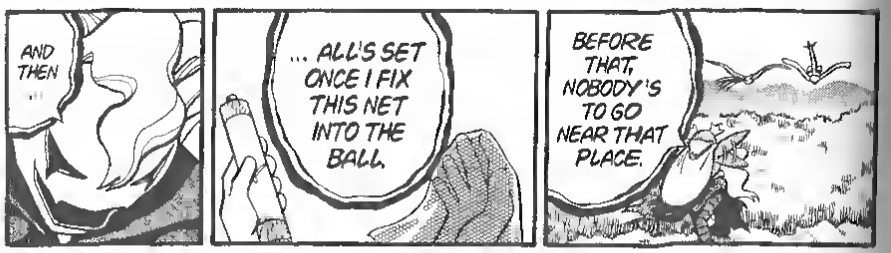

HE WAS TALKING AND MOVING, EVEN AFTER HIS BODY HAD SPLITTED INTO TWO AND THERE WAS A HOLE IN HIS STOMACH!

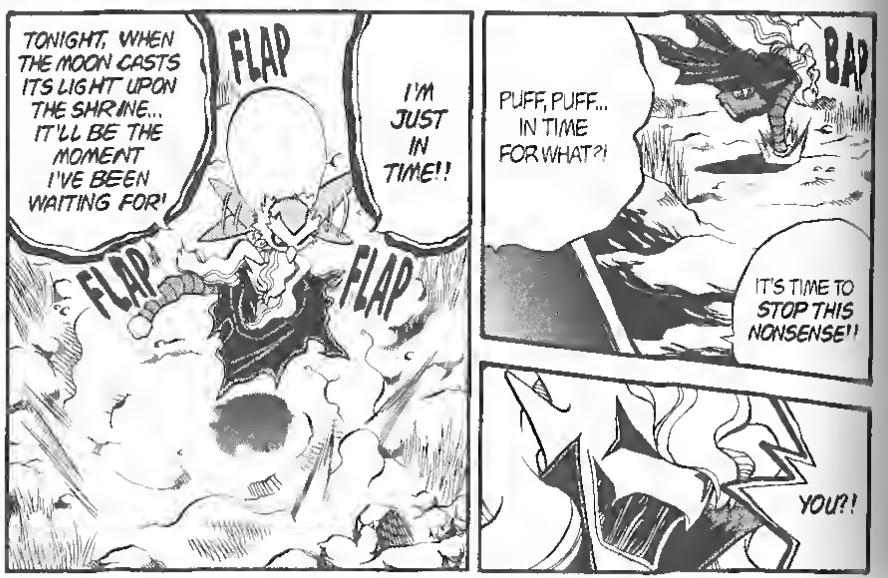
HE WAS TOO STRONG...
NO! AFTER THAT!!

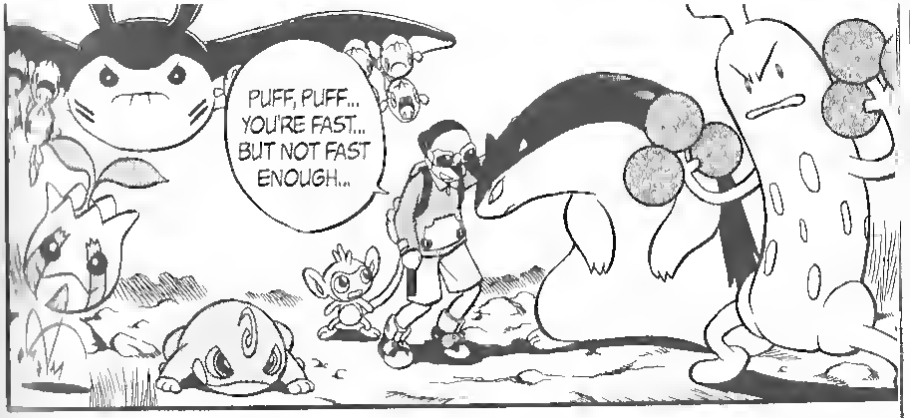
I SAID HE WAS MOVING EVEN WITH A HOLE IN HIS STOMACH!!
AH... AH...

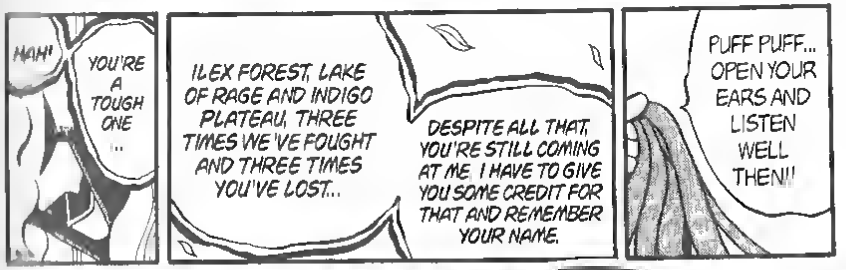

BOOM
OUCH !!


LUGIA!!
HO-OH!!
WILL AND KAREN ARE WAITING FOR US. GO AHEAD AND HELP THEM FIRST!!


AND THEN...
... ALL'S SET ONCE I FIX THIS NET INTO THE BALL.
BEFORE THAT, NOBODY'S TO GO NEAR THAT PLACE.


TONIGHT, WHEN THE MOON CASTS ITS LIGHT UPON THE SHRINE... IT'LL BE THE MOMENT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
I'M JUST IN TIME!!
PUFF, PUFF... IN TIME FOR WHAT?!
BAP
IT'S TIME TO STOP THIS NONSENSE!!
YOU?!


PUFF, PUFF... YOU'RE FAST... BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH...


HAH!
YOU'RE A TOUGH ONE...
ILEX FOREST, LAKE OF RAGE AND INDIGO PLATEAU, THREE TIMES WE'VE FOUGHT AND THREE TIMES YOU'VE LOST...
DESPITE ALL THAT, YOU'RE STILL COMING AT ME. I HAVE TO GIVE YOU SOME CREDIT FOR THAT AND REMEMBER YOUR NAME.
PUFF PUFF... OPEN YOUR EARS AND LISTEN WELL THEN!!

REMEMBER THIS, I AM...
GOLD! FROM NEW BARK TOWN!!
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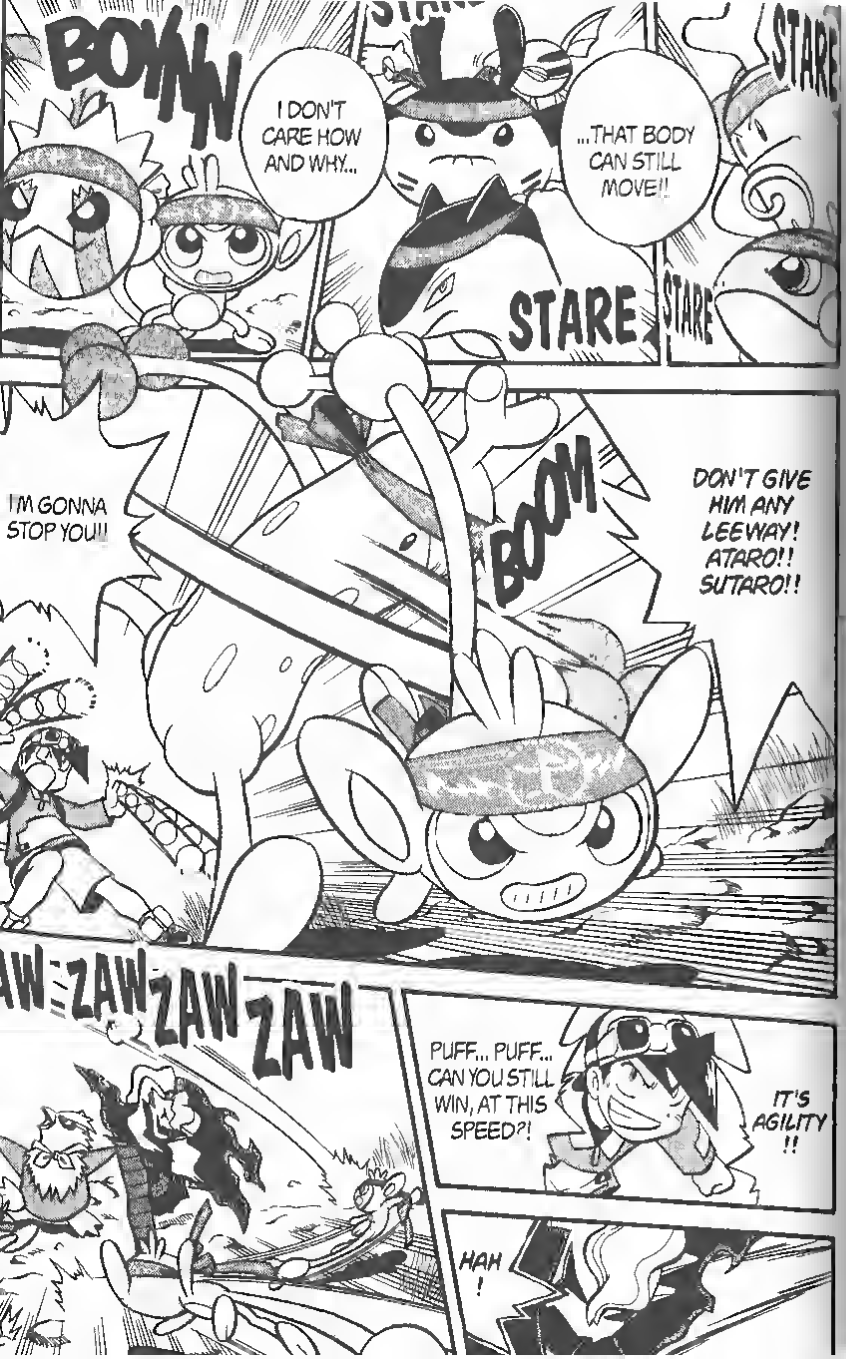

BOWWN
I DON'T CARE HOW AND WHY...
...THAT BODY CAN STILL MOVE!!
STARE
STARE
STARE
I'M GONNA STOP YOU!!
BOOM
DON'T GIVE HIM ANY LEEWAY! ATARO!! SUTARO!!
AW ZAW ZAW ZAW
PUFF... PUFF... CAN YOU STILL WIN, AT THIS SPEED?!
IT'S AGILITY !!
HAH !

CA
KCNA
HUSSSS
ATARO!!
BOB
SHIVER
THE BROKEN HAND IS... REGENERATING BY ITSELF!
KEKEKE
SWOOOR
PAAAWK
ICE...
...BODY !!
THAT'S RIGHT! I CAN FREEZE THE VAPORS IN THE AIR.
WITH THAT, I CAN REFORM MY BODY ANYTIME... I CAN EVEN ENLARGE MYSELF!

PLAN B!!
SHOOOM
IT'S NO USE!!
KAASH
YOU'D BETTER GIVE UP...
YOU CAN NEVER WIN!
ROLL ROLL...
HUFF HUFF... MAYBE..
MAYBE I CAN'T WIN... MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE UP...
?!

HA! IN YOUR DREAMS!!
NYA~~ AA!!
ROLL ROLL
KANG
KONG
GANG
BOM
BOM
BOM
WHAT'RE YOU DOING ?!
?!
KA
SH

WHAT!!
WHEN DID YOU GET BEHIND ME?!
HAHAHA. SURPRISED BY SUTARO'S SPEED?
YOU MEAN ...?!

OF COURSE!! WITH BATON PASS, POKÉMON CAN RECEIVE ANOTHER POKÉMON ATTACK WITH A SIMPLE TOUCH!!
ATARO HAS PASSED ITS SPEED TO SUTARO ATTAINED THROUGH AGILITY.

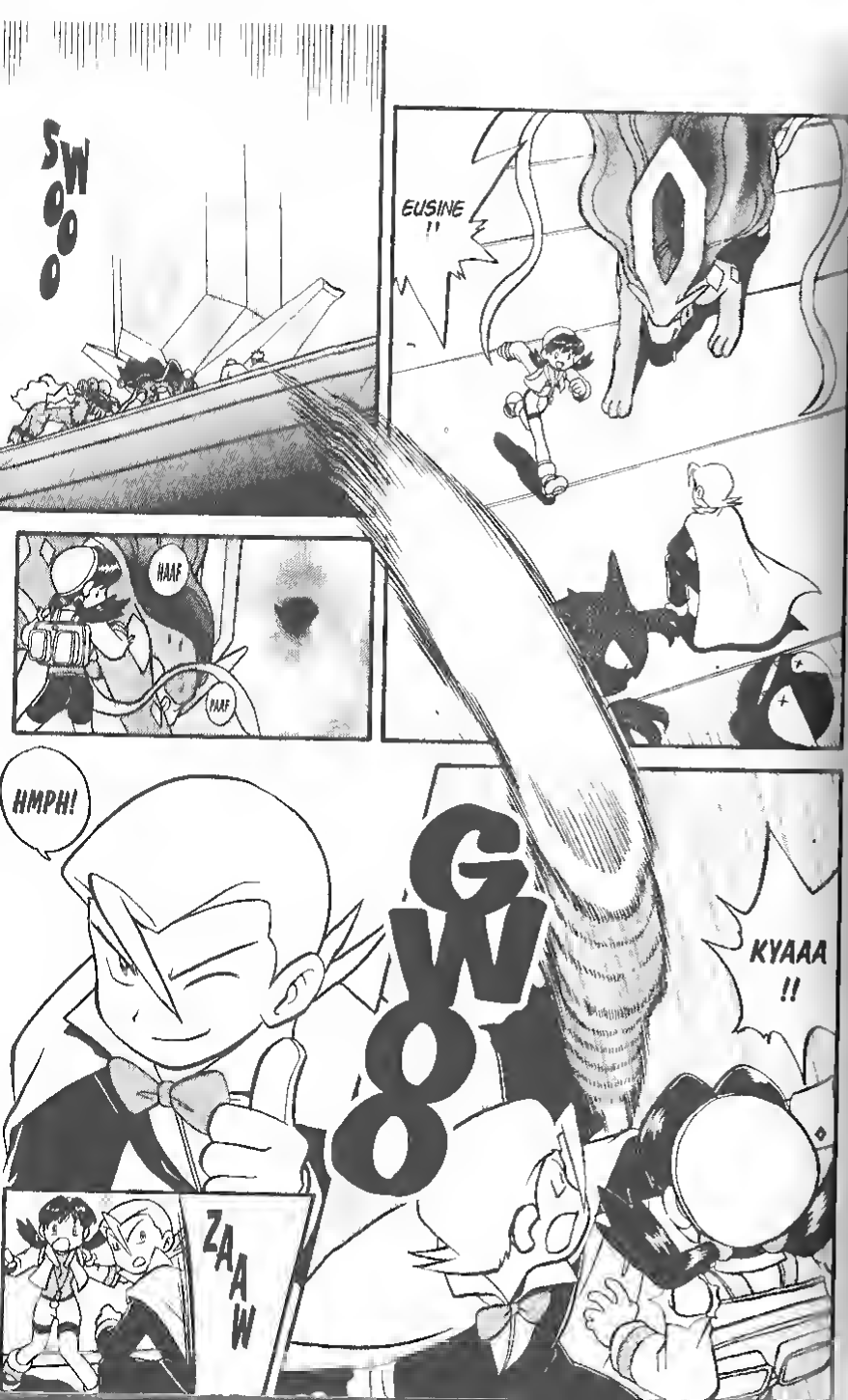
DELI-BIRD !!
!!
IT'S PERISH SONG!!

KINK KINK KINK KIN KIN
KOOOAAAAAW!!

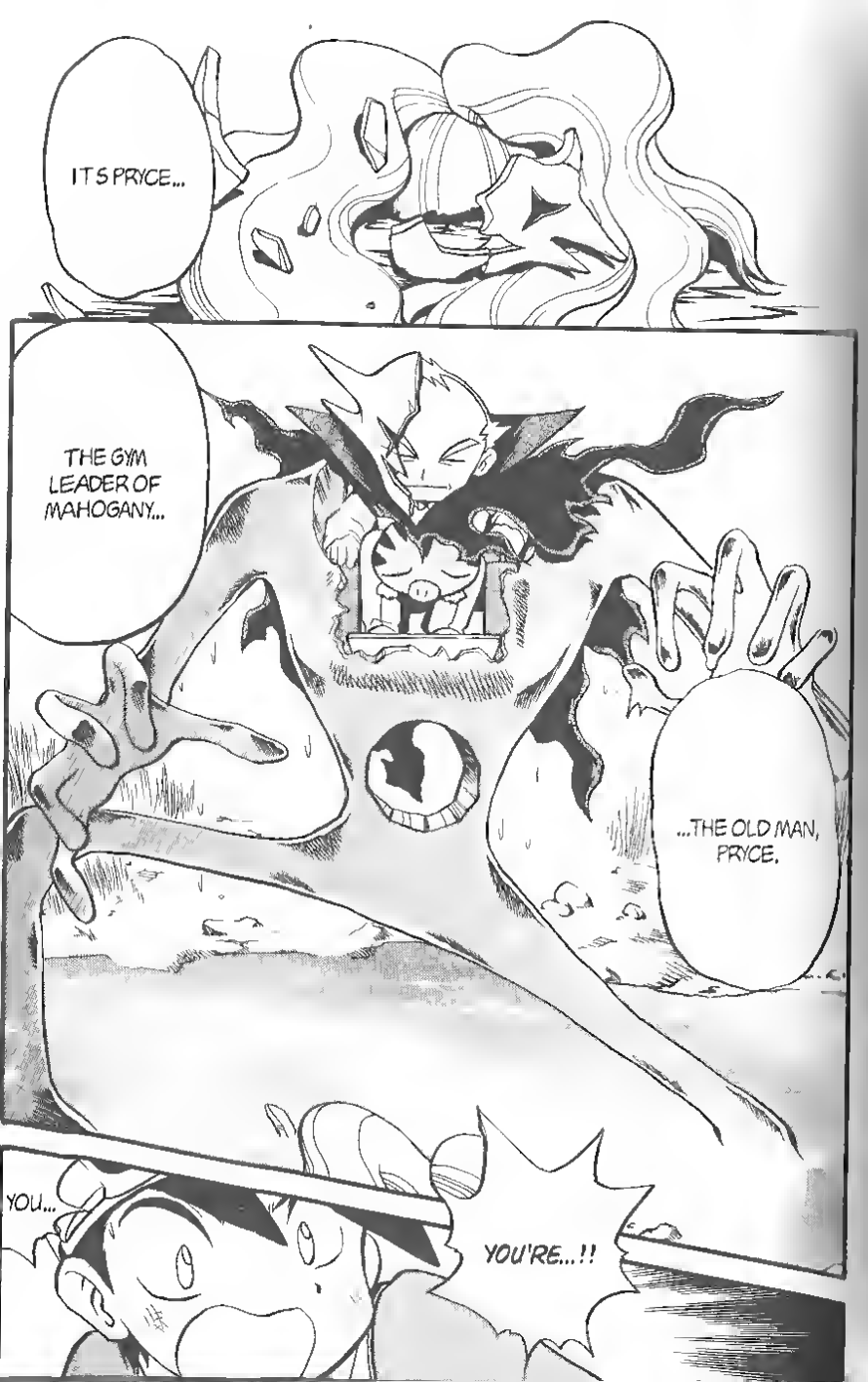
I KNEW YOU WOULD MAKE THAT MOVE!!
SINTARO !!
KAAW
HUH ?!
THE SUN...
NOOO?!

SUNNY DAY!!
GOOOW
GOOAA!!
IT'S TOO HOT!
I CAN'T FREEZE ENOUGH VAPORS TO REBUILD MY BODY..
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
AN ATTACK MAXIMIZED BY SUNNY DAY..
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
MY BODY IT'S MELTING
HAHAHA! HOW'S THAT?!
WHILE POLTARO IS FIGHTING DELIBIRD'S PERISH SONG...
... SUTARO GRABBED YOU WITH SPEED FROM ATARO...
... AND SINTARO USED SUNNY DAY WHILE STANDING BEHIND MANTARO.
WITH THE HEAT, EXPLOTARO MANAGED TO MELT YOU WITH ITS FIRE ATTACKS!!

AND THAT... IS AN ATTACK FROM MY ENTIRE TEAM!!
THEY ARE ALL MY IMPORTANT PARTNERS!!
TO A MAN WHO CALLS POKÉMON WEAPONS, IT'S SOMETHING YOU WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND!!
WOOAAAAAH!!
NOW!!
BYOOOOOO
REVEAL YOUR TRUE IDENTITY!
CLAA-
AANK


SWOO
EUSINE !!
HAAF
HAAF
HMPH!
KYAAA !!
GW 8
ZAAW

RUN!!
BAW
DONG
TAT
DON'T MOVE !!
CLICK
ICE?!
HUFF HUFF... HOW DID IT MOVE...
EXACTLY WHAT IS IT...
LIFT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
YOU KNOW THE CULPRIT ?!
YEP!
I GUESS I HAVE THE SAME NAME IN MIND TOO.
WHO? WHO?! TELL ME?!


IT'S PRYCE...
THE GYM LEADER OF MAHOGANY...
...THE OLD MAN, PRYCE.
YOU...
YOU'RE...!!

ZAAR
ZAAR
ZAAR
SAAR
WE'VE ARRIVED.
THE FINAL DESTINATION.
THE DESTINATION THAT MAN IS HEADING FOR.

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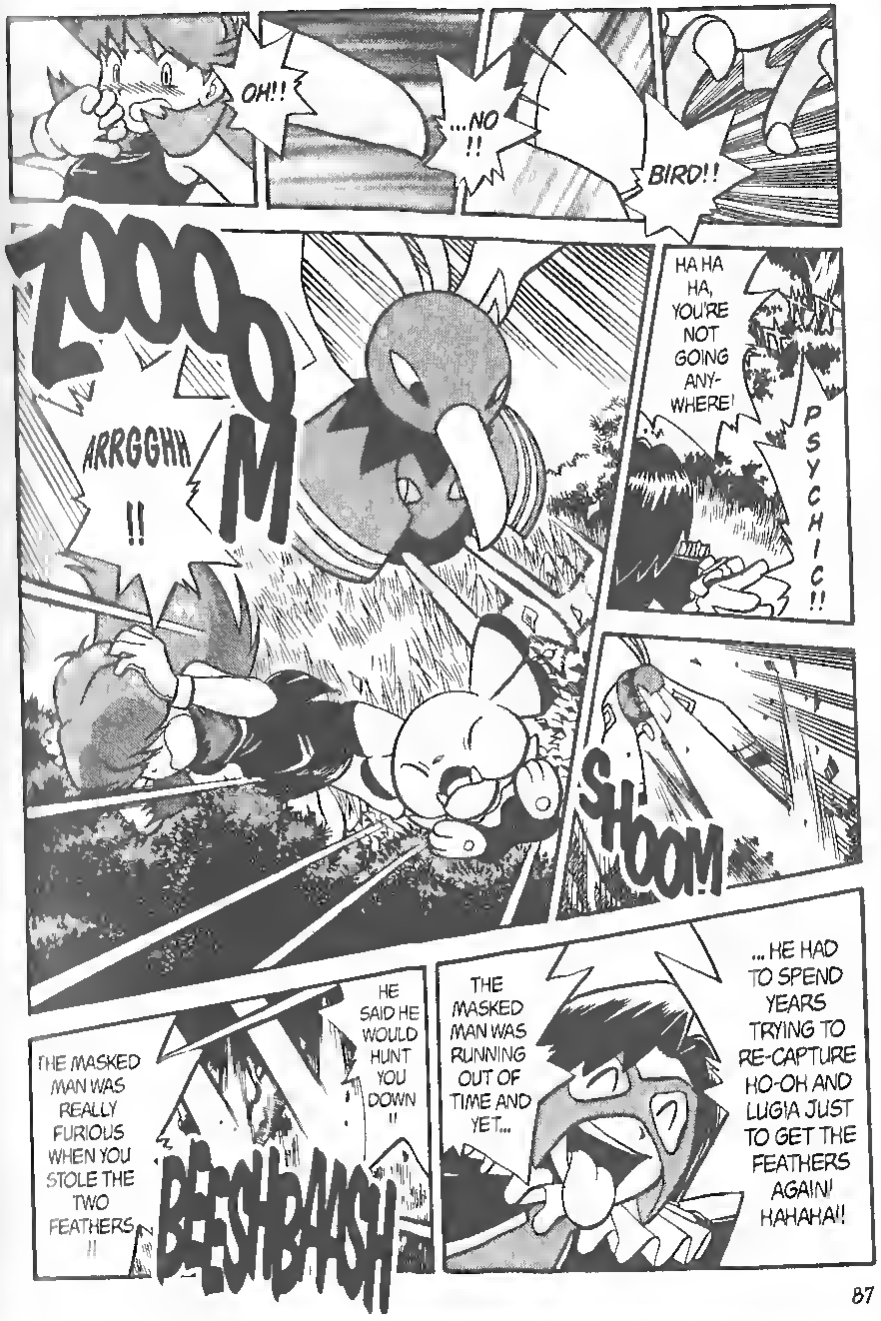
THIS MUST BE ILE X FOREST.
ILEX
ZAAR
DAAT
I MUST HURRY!
I MUST GET TO THE HEART OF THIS FOREST, FAST!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE SHRINE?
!!
BUT WHERE'RE YOU GONNA FIND IT?
ZAAAR
ZAAAR
THIS FOREST IS A GIANT MAZE. IT WON'T BE EASY LOOKING FOR ANYTHING.
SNUBBULL, OVER THERE!! SCARY FACE!!
LEAP
BAASH
ZAAAW
ZAAAW
SO... YOU'V FOUN US...

ZAW
ON TOP OF THAT, AFTER SNUBBULL'S SCARY FACE...
... KAREN'S UMBREON CAN'T MOVE.
ZAWZAW
DAW
YOUR VOICE WAS WHAT ATTRACTED HER ATTENTION, WILL!
WOAH! YOU'RE RIGHT
ZAA
ASH
YOU'RE...!
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER.
BUT I STILL RECOGNIZE YOU BY SMELL!
LIKE US, YOU'RE ONE OF THE MASKED KIDS!

AND WE HAVE BEEN PROTECTING YOU.
GREEN OF PALLET TOWN!!
GRR
SNUBBULL, BITE!!
UMBREON, FAINT ATTACK!!
GAAARG
SNUBBULL, CHARM!!
AFTER CHARMING..
TAKE DOWN!!
DONG

WOW... I'M IMPRESSED!
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, YOU'RE NOT GETTING PAST US. RIGHT, KAREN?
TOT
AND TONIGHT, WE'LL BE WITNESSES TO HOW MAN CAN CONTROL TIME!
THUS, WE CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO GET ANY CLOSER TO THE FOREST'S SHRINE!!
OF COURSE!
WE'VE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO GUARD THIS PLACE BY THE MASK OF ICE HIMSELF.
CONT-ROL TIME...
I KNEW IT!!
HEH! YOU KNEW IT?!
OF COURSE, THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE!
IN THAT CASE...
...IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT...
...THAT YOU STOLE THE FEATHER WHEN YOU ESCAPED?!
BSHAAAAAAAAR


OH!!
...NO !!
BIRD!!
ZOOOOM
ARRGGHH !!
HA HA HA, YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!
PSYCHIC!!
SHOOM
THE MASKED MAN WAS REALLY FURIOUS WHEN YOU STOLE THE TWO FEATHERS !!
HE SAID HE WOULD HUNT YOU DOWN !!
BE-SHBASH
THE MASKED MAN WAS RUNNING OUT OF TIME AND YET...
...HE HAD TO SPEND YEARS TRYING TO RE-CAPTURE HO-OH AND LUGIA JUST TO GET THE FEATHERS AGAIN! HAHAHA!!

HE REALLY NEEDED THE RAINBOW AND SILVER FEATHER SO AS TO CONTROL TIME!
THAT'S WHY WE'VE BEEN ORDERED TO STAND GUARD HERE!
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO KEEP YOU AWAY FROM THE SHRINE!
BAASH
SHIVER
SHIVER
IN NO TIME, THE MAN HIMSELF WILL BE HERE WITH THE COMPLETED POKÉBALL THAT CAN CAPTURE EVEN TIME!
THE PLAN IS FOOLPROOF, SAY FOR THE PRESENCE OF ONE PERSON!
DONG
AND THAT PERSON IS YOU! THE ONE WHO HOLDS THE TWO FEATHERS!!
ARGH...
FLAP
NOW THAT WE'VE FOUND YOU...
BE GOOD AND WE'LL TREAT YOU WELL!
AFTER ALL, WE WERE ALL MASKED KIDS... NOW HAND OVER THE FEATHERS!
PUFF... PUFF... YOU WERE WAITING HERE JUST TO GET THE FEATHERS BACK?
YEAH!
MY APOLOGIES THEN...
COZ' THEY'RE NOT WITH ME!
YUP!
I'VE HIDDEN THEM IN A VERY SAFE PLACE.
DEAR ALL, LISTEN ...ZZZ BZZZ
BZZZ.. SOMETHING... GZZZ.. ZZZ.. ZZZ..

TEAM ROCKET MEMBERS... GZZZ.. HALF MASKS... BZZ.. INTO THE STADIUM...
KANG
EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE STADIUM?!! JASMINE! JASMINE!!
CALM DOWN, GRANNY.
IT MENTIONED TEAM ROCKET MEMBERS.
AND HALF MASKS TOO...
MAYBE THEY LOOKED LIKE THEM.
YEAH... MAYBE ...
BZZZ
GZZ
BEEP BEEP
BZZZ
...
WHAT?!

WHY ARE THE INTRUDERS AT THE STADIUM HERE INSTEAD?!
NO MATTER WHAT, WE MUST PROTECT GRAMPS AND GRAN!
PIKA! CHUCHU!!
?!
ZAW ZAW ZAWZAW
!!
THEY CAN'T FIGHT WHILE THEY'RE PROTECTING THE EGG!
UNCLE, PLEASE ESCAPE WITH GRAMPS AND GRANS FIRST! I'LL HOLD THEM...
OKAY !!
PIKA, CHUCHU, YOU'LL PROTECT THE EGG THEN!
BOOMBOOM

ZOOM
WHOAW
TAT
GREAT! I THINK THEY'VE MADE IT TO SAFETY!

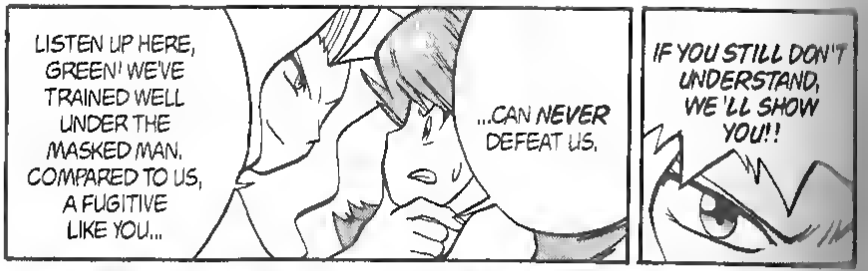
MY HAT?!
YOU'RE EYEING... MY HAT?!
FLUTTER
FLUTTER

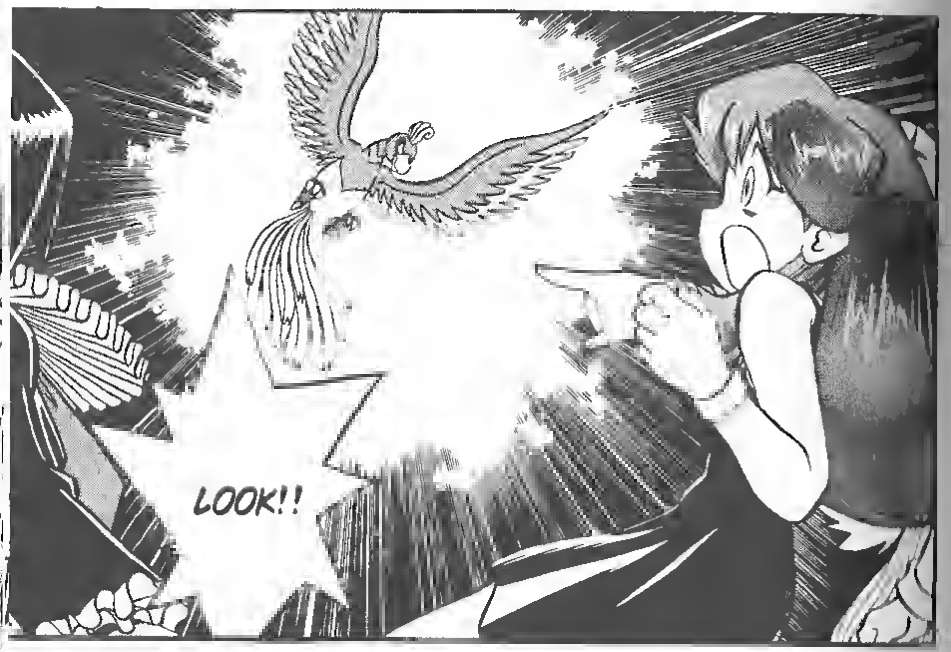
BEH
WAH!!
WHAT... ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?!
ZOOSH
ZOOSH
WISH

KAREN, WHAT SHALL WE DO? SHE CLAIMS TO HAVE HIDDEN THE FEATHERS.
SHE'S CONFIDENT THAT WE WON'T FIND IT. SHE'S EVEN FEELING SORRY FOR US!

HAHAHA I WONDER IF YOU OUGHT TO FEEL SORRY FOR YOURSELF
ESPECIALLY SINCE WE'VE SENT MEN TO SEARCH FOR ALL POSSIBLE HIDING PLACES

THE EX TEAM ROCKET MEMBERS SHOULD BE CONDUCTING A THOROUGH SEARCH AS WE SPEAK!


LISTEN UP HERE, GREEN! WE'VE TRAINED WELL UNDER THE MASKED MAN. COMPARED TO US, A FUGITIVE LIKE YOU...
...CAN NEVER DEFEAT US.
IF YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND, WE'LL SHOW YOU!!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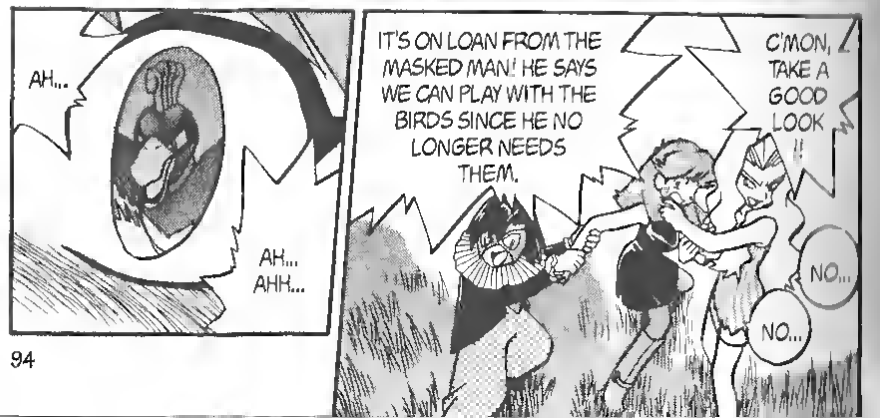
AH...
AH... AHH...
IT'S ON LOAN FROM THE MASKED MAN! HE SAYS WE CAN PLAY WITH THE BIRDS SINCE HE NO LONGER NEEDS THEM.
C'MON, TAKE A GOOD LOOK !!
NO...
NO...

I CAN SENSE YOUR FEAR!! AFTER ALL, IT'S THE SAME BIRD POKÉMON THAT TOOK YOU AWAY FROM EVERYTHING YOU HAD!!
THE BIRD POKÉMON! THE REASON FOR YOUR MISERY NOW... ALL THAT MISERY IS NOW BEFORE YOUR EYES!!

DROWN IN YOUR SORROW!
DROWN IN THE PAST! THE PAST YOU HATE!!

NOOOO!!

AAH...
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
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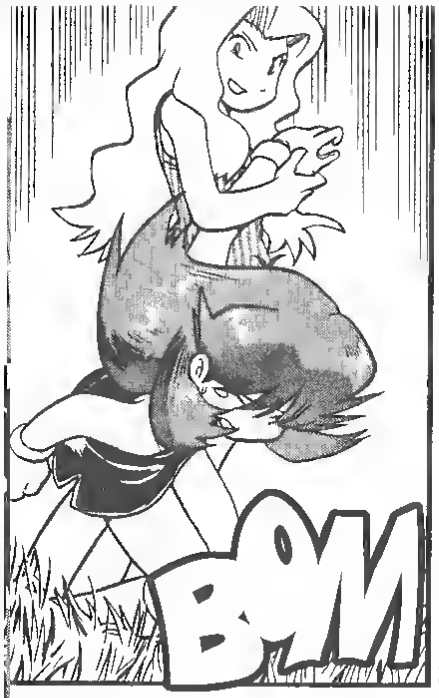
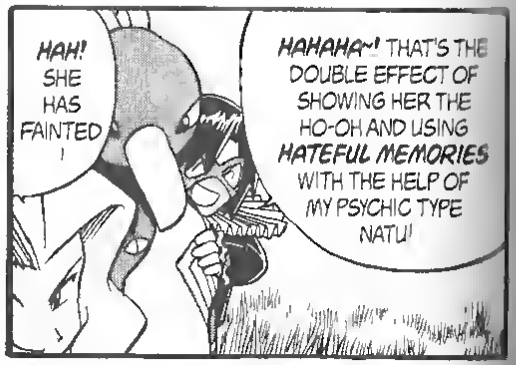
TOT
ZOOM
!!
SOB!
BLAP
...!!
HA HA HA HA!
I'M EXPECTING WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENTS FROM YOU.
AS MY ABLE ASSISTANTS ...

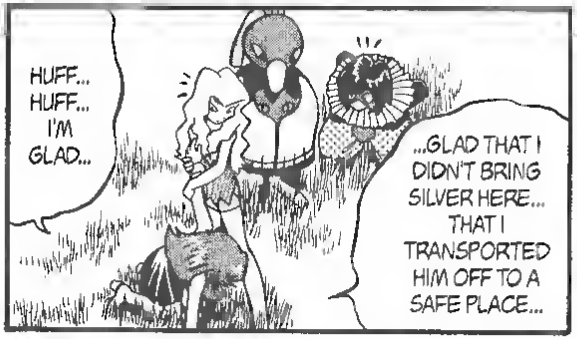

BOM


HAH! SHE HAS FAINTED!
HAHAHA~! THAT'S THE DOUBLE EFFECT OF SHOWING HER THE HO-OH AND USING HATEFUL MEMORIES WITH THE HELP OF MY PSYCHIC TYPE NATU!

A BIRD PHOBIA AS A RESULT OF THE KIDNAPPING.
NOW SHE'S SCARED OF ALL BIRD POKÉMON.

MAYBE IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU WERE CAPTURED WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER LIKE SILVER...
... THEN YOU WOULDN'T HAVE REMEMBERED A THING! HAHAHA~!

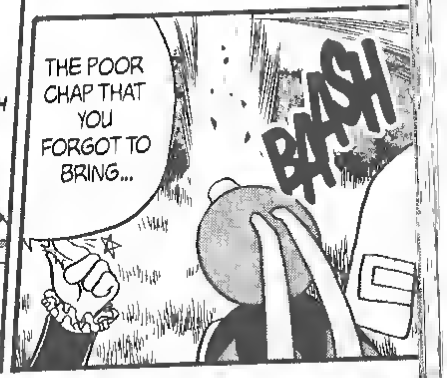
SIL...
SILVER


HUFF... HUFF... I'M GLAD...
...GLAD THAT I DIDN'T BRING SILVER HERE... THAT I TRANSPORTED HIM OFF TO A SAFE PLACE...

...SO THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE TO SUFFER LIKE ME...

EH?! YOU'RE STILL AWAKE?!
AND YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE GLAD THAT SILVER DIDN'T TAG ALONG?!
HA HA HA HA
FOOLISH GIRL!

!!
NOW... HOW SHOULD I BREAK THIS NEWS TO YOU...


THE POOR CHAP THAT YOU FORGOT TO BRING...
BASH

...IS THIS HIM?!

SILVER!!

BUT WHY...?
BOM

SILVER !! SILVER !!
...URGH... GREEN...
I THOUGHT I'D SENT YOU TO A SAFE PLACE...
GREEN... I'VE ALSO GROWN STRONGER...
SECONDS BEFORE I DISAPPEARED...
I USED THIEF TO STEAL FROM YOUR POKEMON.
I TOOK THE HAND-WRITTEN MAP THAT CONTAINED YOUR NOTES
YOU WERE ALWAYS CAREFUL... YOU'D ALWAYS TAKE NOTES AND INVESTIGATE YOUR DESTINATION.. THAT'S WHY..

AND THAT'S HOW YOU KNEW I'D BE HERE?
...YOU CAME BACK HERE ALL BY YOURSELF FROM THE TELEPORT?
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?!
BY THE TIME I REALIZED WE'VE LOST CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER, YOU WERE ALREADY WITH LANCE...
HOW RECKLESS CAN YOU GET!!
I WANTED TO BATTLE ALONGSIDE WITH YOU...
I WANTED TO... PROTECT YOU... GREEN...
BASH
SILVER ?!

I'LL CALL YOU SILVER THEN, SINCE YOUR EYES ARE SILVER IN COLOR.
SILVER, ARE YOU OKAY?
I MADE US GLOVES BLACK FOR YOU AND WHITE FOR ME.
LET'S TRY GETTING THESE MASKS OFF BEFORE WE ESCAPE.
SO THIS IS HOW YOU LOOK LIKE...
OH! WE MUST HURRY!
SILVER ...
ARE YOU DONE WITH YOUR REUNION SPEECH?
YAAWN
GRR

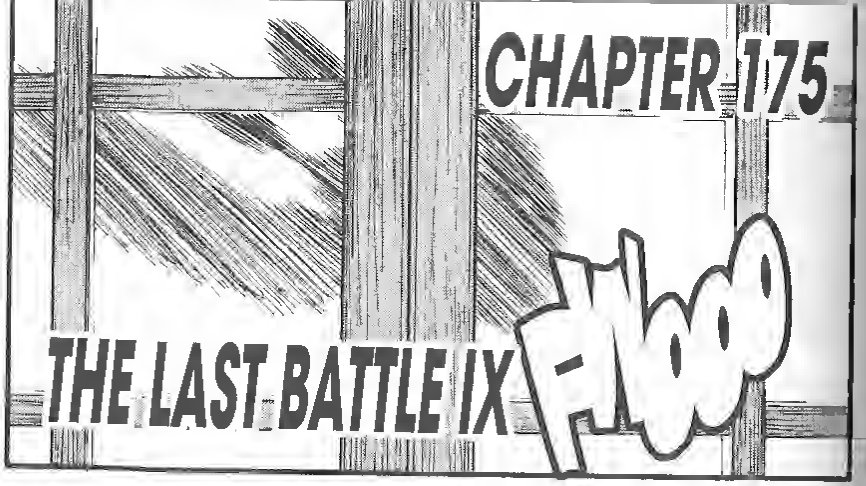
ARE YOU ANGRY?
OH! I KNOW! YOU'RE THINKING 'I WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR THIS', AREN'T YA?
LET'S DO IT AGAIN !!
LET'S BRING HO-OH DOWN REAL CLOSE!!
YNNN
Whoooooop

GIIIIIIP
!!
I MUST REALLY THANK YOU GUYS.
PUEW
YOU'VE HELPED ME CLEAR THE FINAL BARRIER!
WHAT D'YA MEAN?!
THE REASON WHY I DISAPPEARED AFTER THE BATTLE WITH THE ELITE FOUR, LEAVING EVERYTHING TO SILVER WAS BECAUSE...
...I HAD SOMETHING TO ACCOMPLISH. I HAD TO OVERCOME A PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIER!
I'M ASKING WHAT D'YA MEAN!!
I'VE OVERCOME MY FEARS!! MY PAST AND MY MEMORIES!!
ALL MY WEAKNESSES AND PHOBIAS!!

GRIP
BUT I WAS TAKEN UNAWARES JUST NOW.
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING!!
WHAT'RE YOU UP TO?! KAREN, BE CAREFUL!!
HO-OH! AGAIN!!
LET'S GO!! ARTICUNO!!
ZAPDOS!!
MOLTRES!!

ZAAN
WOAH! THAT'S IMPRESS-IVE~~!
WELL, NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE IMPRESSED !!
DON'T WE HAVE LUGIA AS WELL?! QUICK!!
SYAA
YES! YES!
LUGIA!!
KYHHHHHHN
TAT
I'LL USE HO-OH! YOU TAKE LUGIA !!
NO MATTER WHAT, IT'S OUR DUTY TO GUARD THE SHRINE!!
OKAY!

...?!
HUFF... HUFF... YOUR OPPONENT IS...
WHAT ?!
...ME!!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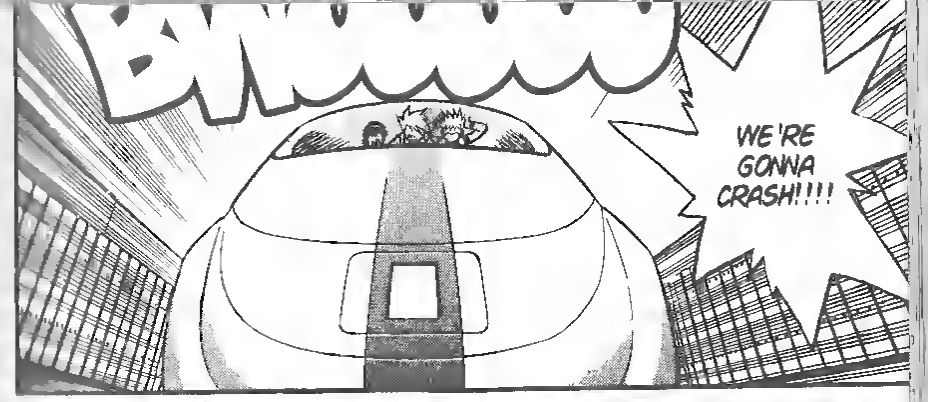
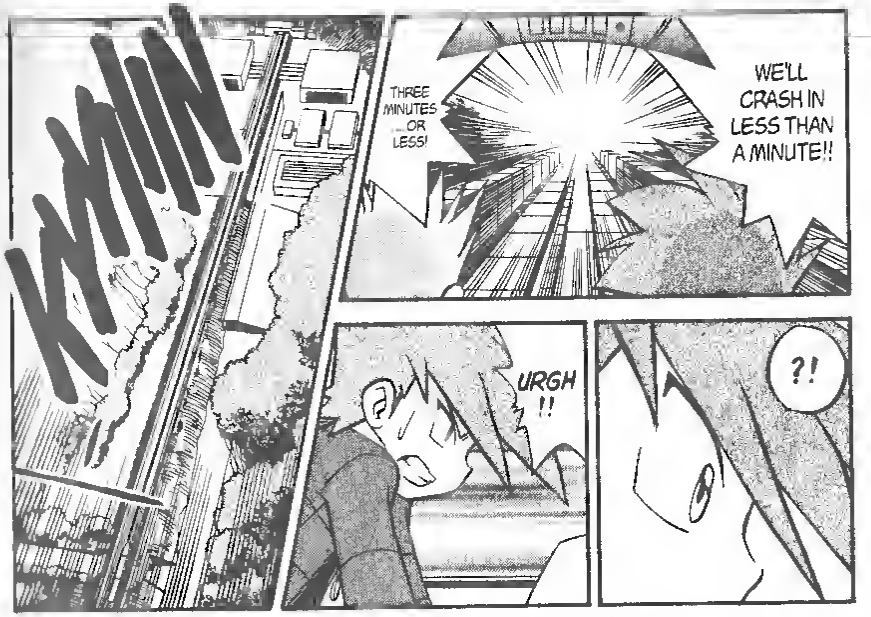
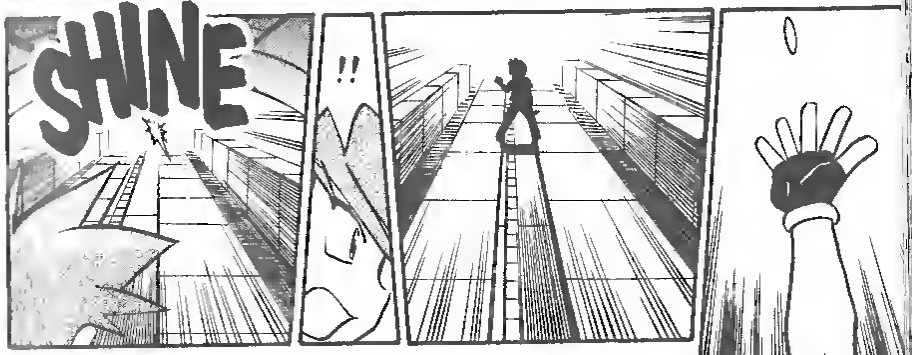
FLOOD

GWAAA

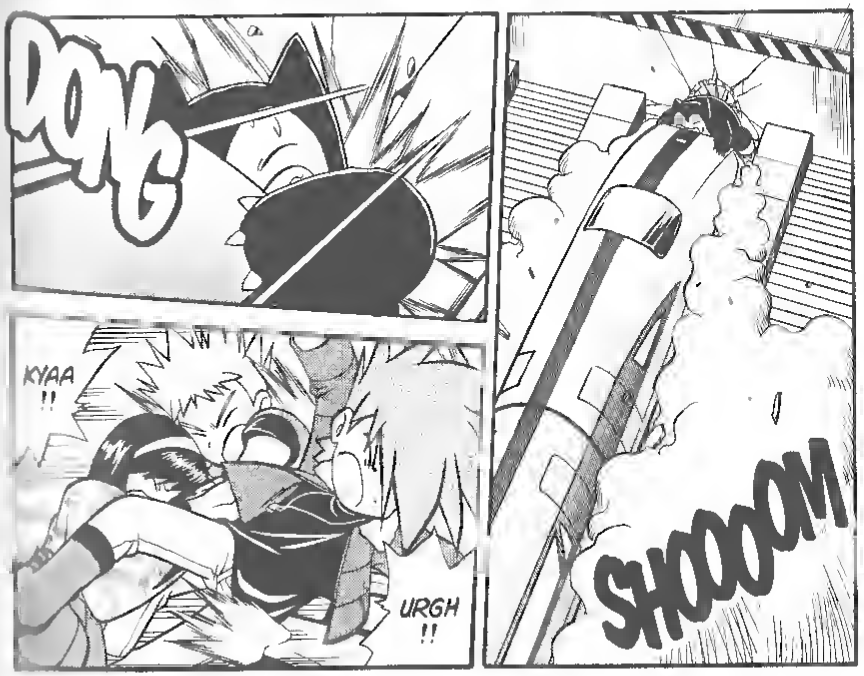

WE'RE GONNA CRASH!!!!

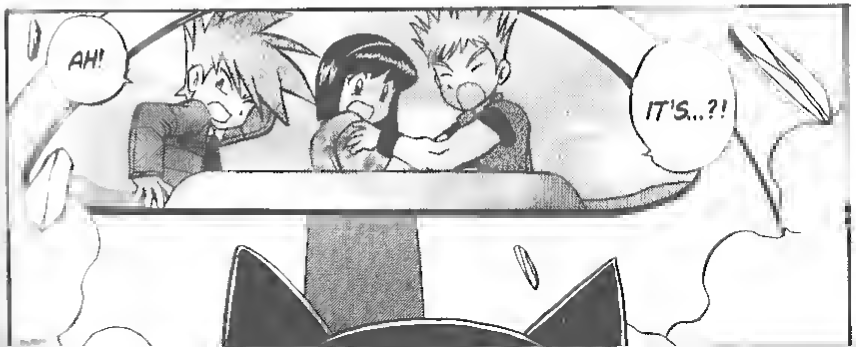

KYAAA
THREE MINUTES ...OR LESS!
WE'LL CRASH IN LESS THAN A MINUTE!!
URGH !!
?!


SHINE
!!

WHAT ?!
WOOM
ZZAWZAAW
ZZAWZAAW
ZZAWZAAW
ZZAWZAAW

ZZAWZZAWZAW


DOG
KYAA !!
URGH !!
SHOOOM


AH!
IT'S...?!

RED!!

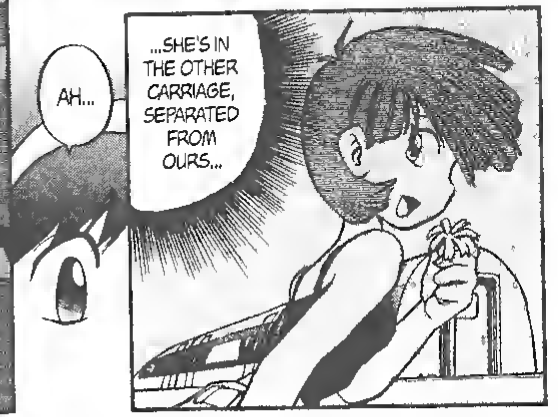
RED!!

SORRY FOR BEING LATE.

YEAH.

I MUST LET MISTY KNOW! MISTY!
MISTY, RED IS HERE! MISTY!

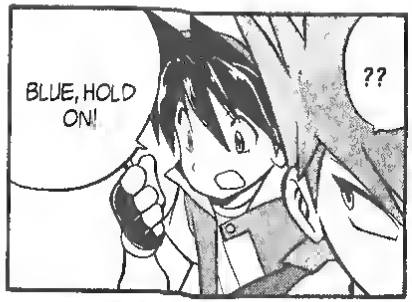
RED! HOW DID YOU FIND US?!
THIS PROVIDED ME WITH DIRECTIONS


AH...
...SHE'S IN THE OTHER CARRIAGE, SEPARATED FROM OURS...

AND THE POKÉMON LEAGUE?
THE DAMAGE IS BEYOND RECOGNITION!
THEN LET'S HEAD FOR THE STADIUM!
MASTER!
URM... IT'S OUR JOB TO GET RID OF THE REMAINING INTRUDERS!!
GYRRRRRR
BLUE, YOU GO AHEAD FIRST! I'M COUNTING ON YOU!!
C'MON!!
RHYDON?!
IT'S MY NEW GROUND TYPE POKÉMON! WE CAN USE ITS DRILL TO GO UNDERGROUND!!
GYRRR
TRAVELING UNDER-GROUND IS THE BEST SHORTCUT.
BOM

RED, DO YOU HAVE A POKÉGEAR WITH YOU?
NOPE!
HERE, TAKE MINE!
SNAW
JUST IN CASE!!
THANKS!! WE'LL MAKE A MOVE FIRST!!

GAAWGAARGAAWGA
GAAWGAARGAAWGA


BLUE, HOLD ON!
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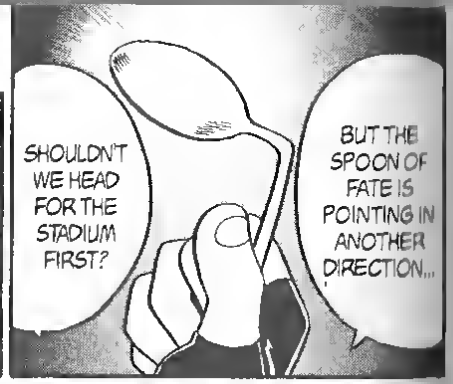

SHOULDN'T WE HEAD FOR THE STADIUM FIRST?
BUT THE SPOON OF FATE IS POINTING IN ANOTHER DIRECTION...

...

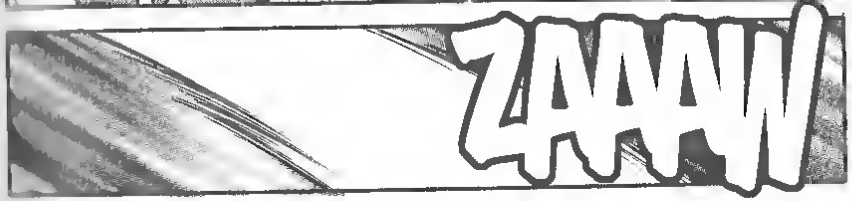
WELL THEN, LET'S HEAD FOR THE DIRECTION OF FATE!
RHYDON, THIS WAY!

GAAWGAAR

WHERE'S THIS LEADING US TO?
IT'S TIME TO USE THE POKÉGEAR.

RED, LOOK AT THIS MAP...
WHERE DO YOU THINK WE'RE HEADED?

ILEX FOREST
ILEX FOREST ?!


ZAAAAW

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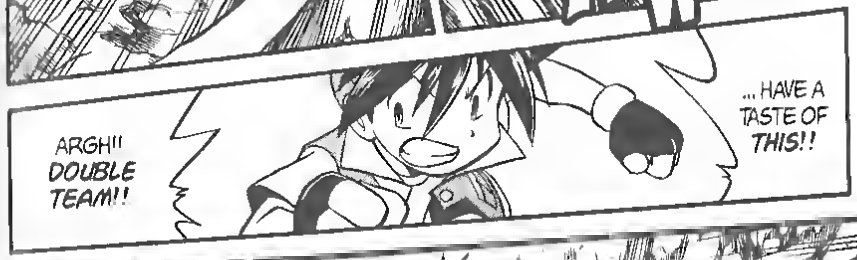
KOGA!!
BRUNO!!
BOM
AB

HA!~~
YA!
BOM
BA BA BA BA


ARGH!!
DOUBLE
TEAM!!
... HAVE A
TASTE OF
THIS!!

PSYCH
UP!!
LINE

BOOM

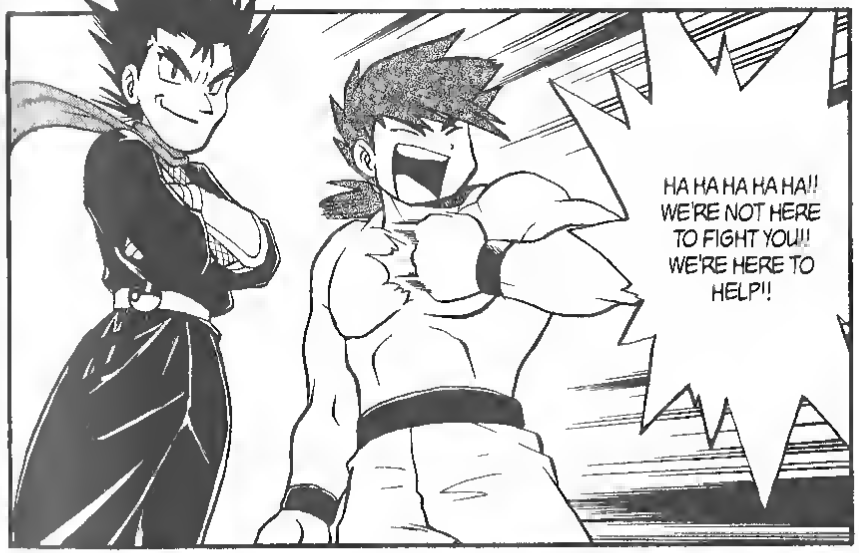
PASH

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, RED.
AND YOU TOO, BLUE!!
AH!!

HEH?!
WO-- AH!
WAH!

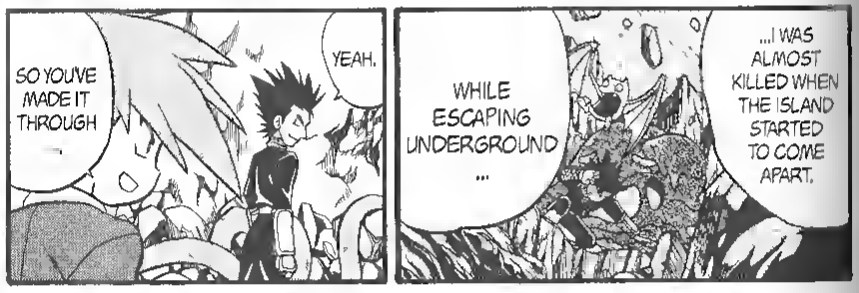
YOU WERE PLANNING TO DRILL ON, WEREN'T YOU?
THE GROUND FROM HERE TO ILEX FOREST IS MADE OF SOLID ROCK.

!!
DON'T BE MISTAKEN


HA HA HA HA HA!! WE'RE NOT HERE TO FIGHT YOU!! WE'RE HERE TO HELP!!

WHAT?!
WE KNEW YOU'RE HEADED FOR ILEX FOREST, TO FIGHT THE MAN WHO DESTROYED THE STADIUM.
BUT WE KNEW WE'D BE MISTAKEN FOR THE ENEMY...

HEHE... ALLOW ME SAY THIS FIRST!
PUNCH
NEITHER BRUNO NOR I WILL WORK UNDER ANOTHER'S COMMAND AGAIN.
WE JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE NOW PURSUE BATTLES FOR OURSELVES.
UHM.


SO YOU'VE MADE IT THROUGH
YEAH.
WHILE ESCAPING UNDERGROUND ...
...I WAS ALMOST KILLED WHEN THE ISLAND STARTED TO COME APART.

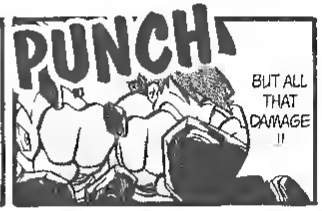
IT WAS BRUNO...
HE SAVED ME...
BLUE... I'VE REALIZED SOMETHING AFTER WE FOUGHT THE ELITE FOUR BATTLE TOGETHER.
THAT IS... THE SATISFACTION OF SHARPENED BATTLE SKILLS AFTER TRAINING.

I HAD BEEN LIVING UNDER ANOTHER'S COMMAND ALL THAT TIME, SO IT HAD NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THEN...

WHEN I MET BRUNO, I FOUND MY MATE IN BATTLE TRAINING.
WE BOTH SHARE THE SAME IDEALS ABOUT BATTLE NOW.

RED! BLUE!!
WE'VE BEEN TRAINING HARD, JUST SO AS TO BATTLE YOU AGAIN!!

WE WERE SURE YOU'D WIN AT THE POKÉMON LEAGUE...
...SO WE WENT SEARCHING FOR YOU. WE'D PLANNED ON CHALLENGING YOU!


PUNCH
BUT ALL THAT DAMAGE !!

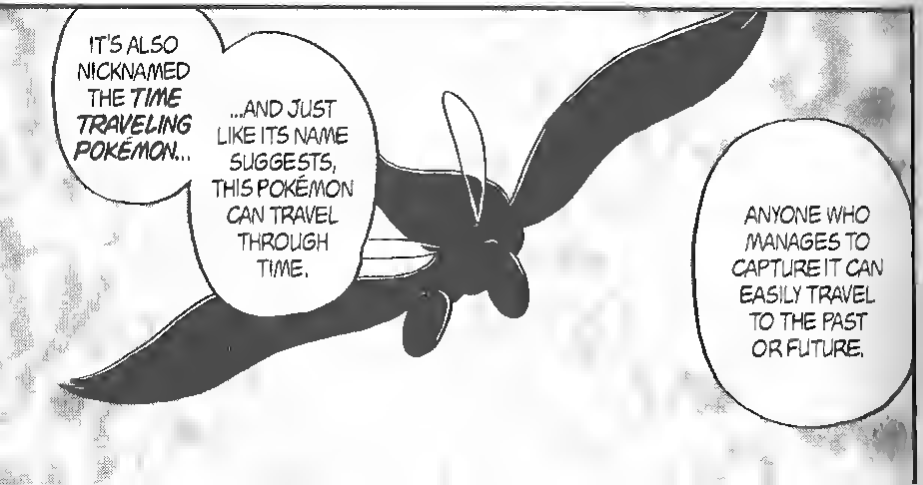
HONESTLY, I WISH I COULD BATTLE YOU NOW.
BUT I KNOW I CAN'T HOLD YOU BACK FROM YOUR MISSION.

SO YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT!!
WE SHALL MEET AFTER YOU'VE WON THIS BATTLE!!

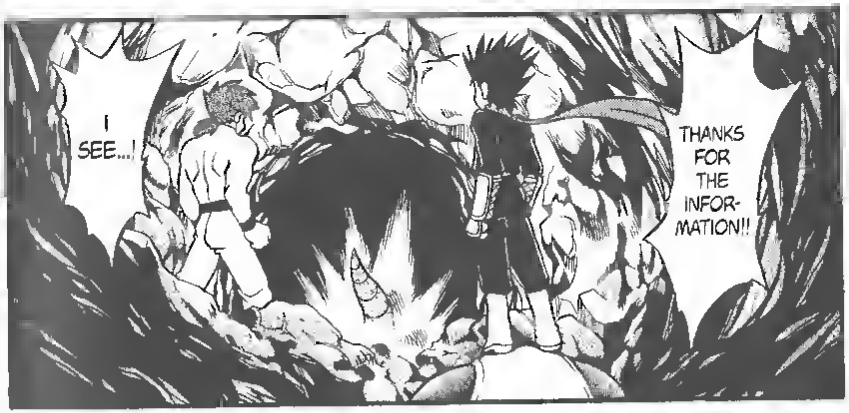
ONE MORE ROCK TO GO!!
THANKS !!
OH, RED!
HUH?

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE POKÉMON CELEBI?

CELEBI?
NOPE, NEVER HEARD OF IT. WHY?


IT'S ALSO NICKNAMED THE TIME TRAVELING POKÉMON...
...AND JUST LIKE ITS NAME SUGGESTS, THIS POKÉMON CAN TRAVEL THROUGH TIME.
ANYONE WHO MANAGES TO CAPTURE IT CAN EASILY TRAVEL TO THE PAST OR FUTURE.

WHY'RE YOU BRINGING THIS UP NOW?
I OVERHEARD YOU SAYING YOU WERE GOING TO ILEX FOREST.
ILEX IS THE PLACE WHERE CELEBI WAS LAST SIGHTED.
I WONDER IF IT COULD BE THE REASON BEHIND ALL THESE PROBLEMS THAT'S BEEN PLAGUING US.


I SEE...!
THANKS FOR THE INFOR-MATION!!

GAA
GAA
GAA
IT'S ABOVE US!!
!!
LOOK!!
RIGHT OR LEFT?
NEITHER!!

GAAWGAAR
ZHOOM
SO THIS IS IT!!
OVER THERE!!
SHRINE OF ILEX FOREST.
IT SAYS GUARDIAN OF THE FOREST.
COULD THIS BE WHAT BRUNO WAS REFERRING TO...
THIS MUST BE WHERE THE POKÉMON WAS SEEN...
!!

BLUE, WHAT'S WRONG?
SOMETHING'S BEEPING!
HUH?
EH?!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP BEEP
THAT MEANS... GREEN'S HERE TOO!!
IT'S OUR POKÉDEX.
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU HAVE GREEN'S BLASTOISE, DON'T YOU?
YEAH, SHE LOANED IT TO ME
I MET HER ON MY WAY TO MT. SILVER. SHE SAID IT'D BE SAFER IF I BROUGHT IT ALONG AND LEFT IT WITH ME.
BUT WHEN I ASKED HER IF SHE NEEDED BLASTOISE FOR FLIGHT TRANSPORTATION ...
WHAT DID SHE SAY?
...SHE JUST SAID, "I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT FLYING!"
I WONDER WHAT SHE MEANT BY THAT..
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT SHE MEANT!

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BLUE !!
RED, BLUE, HOP ON!!
SWOOSH
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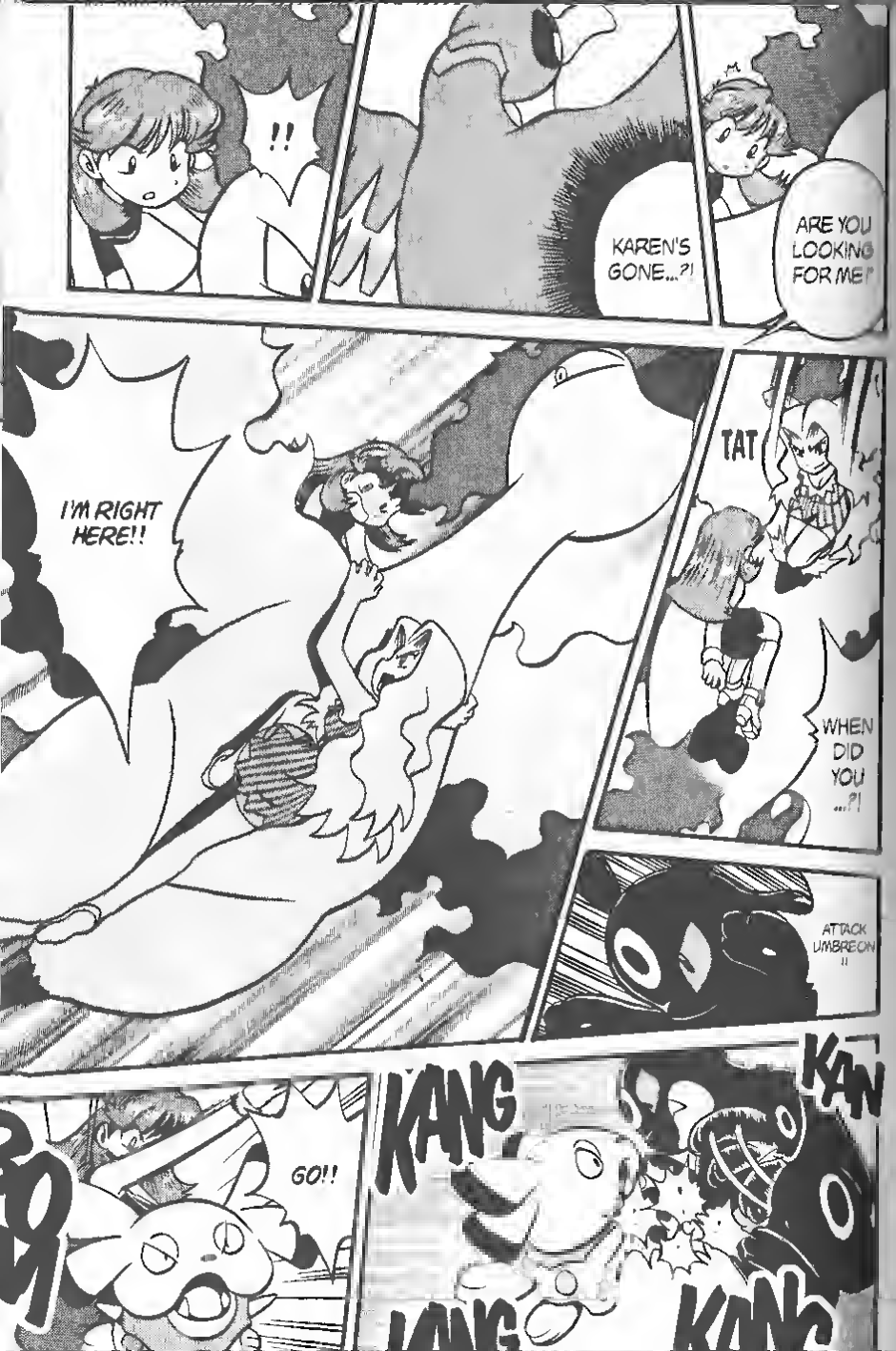
KAA
BOAAW
KAAW

KYAAA!!
WOAH!!
GOOW
BLUE
!!
BAAW

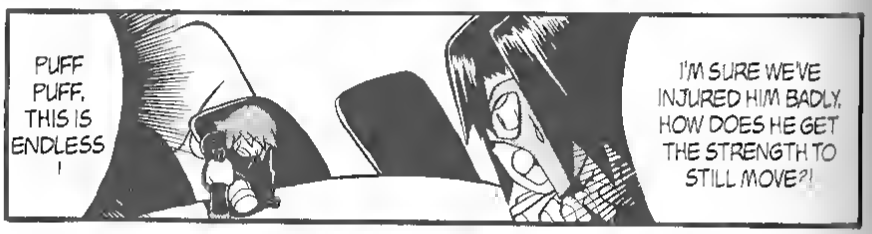
GOAAN
WOAAH !!
ARTI-CUNO, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME!
BUT... WHY'RE YOU HERE?
AND WHY'RE YOU FIGHTING WITH GREEN WHO HAS A PHOBIA FOR BIRDS?
RED!
THE TWO GIANT BIRD POKÉMON ARE THE LEGENDARY LUGIA AND HO-OH!
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, THEY'RE NOT LETTING ANYONE ELSE NEAR THE FOREST...
THAT MEANS...
SO THAT MEANS... CELEBI!
THIS IS THE ENEMY'S FINAL DESTINATION! AND HE'S SENT THESE TWO TO GUARD THE FOREST FROM INTRUDERS!!
AND ONE OF THEM IS...!
...GREEN !!

!!
GOAAH!!
GAAN
OUCH!!
WE'D BETTER NOT FLY TOO CLOSE TO THEM!
GYNNN
OH NO...! WE COULD CONTINUE TO UPSET THEM, BUT WE MAY BE PLAYING INTO THEIR HANDS...
...AND WE'LL LOSE!!

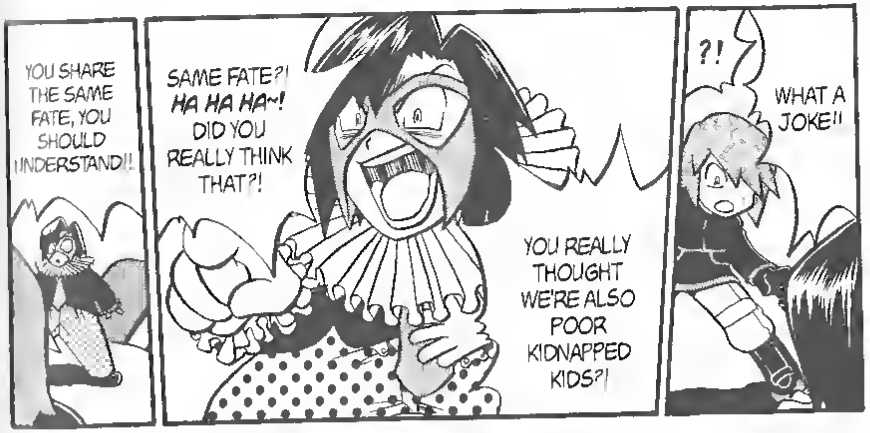

!!
KAREN'S GONE...?!
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ME!
I'M RIGHT HERE!!
TAT
WHEN DID YOU ...?!
ATTACK UMBREON !!
GO!!
KANG
KANG
KANG

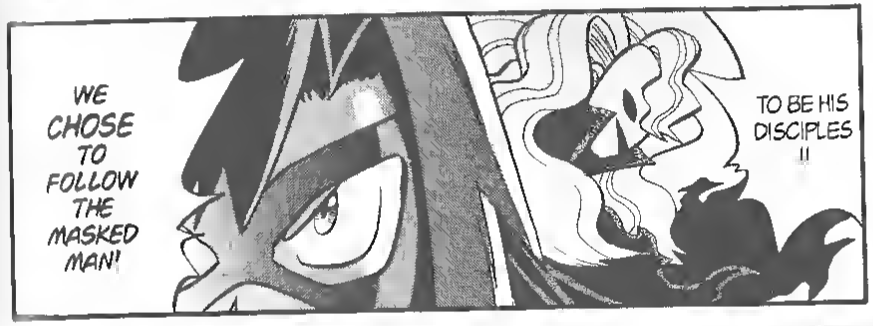
WHAT A WONDERFUL EVENING.
WE CAN SEE THE MOON AFTER THE SUNSET.
MOON-LIGHT!! UMBREON !!
KYAAN
HAH!!
UGH !!
PWA
HAHAHA! LOOK AT YOU!!
BAAN

DAT
ZAW


PUFF PUFF. THIS IS ENDLESS !
I'M SURE WE'VE INJURED HIM BADLY. HOW DOES HE GET THE STRENGTH TO STILL MOVE?!

SILVER BOY~!! WHY DON'T YOU EASE UP A LITTLE?
YOU'RE TOO SERIOUS!!
GAAW
ZAAAAAW
AN EASY LIFE...
AN EASY LIFE IS UNATTAINABLE! JUST AS MY LIFE CANNOT BE CHANGED!!


YOU SHARE THE SAME FATE, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND!!
SAME FATE?! HA HA HA~! DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT?!
YOU REALLY THOUGHT WE'RE ALSO POOR KIDNAPPED KIDS?!
?!
WHAT A JOKE!!


WE CHOSE TO FOLLOW THE MASKED MAN!
TO BE HIS DISCIPLES !!

WHAT ?!

KAREN AND I, WE WERE EVEN BETTER THAN GENIUSES.
NONE OF THE ADULTS COULD BEAT US WHEN IT COMES TO POKÉMON.

LIFE WAS JUST TOO BORING! WE CAME TO HIM, WHERE THERE'RE MORE EXCITING AND INTERESTING PAST-TIMES!
THIS BATTLE IS LIKE RECREATION TO US...
THERE'S NOTHING SERIOUS ABOUT IT...

PAST-TIME...?
YEAH... ARE YOU ANGRY AGAIN?
ANGRY ?
NOPE. I'M TOO HAPPY FOR WORDS.
I WAS HESITANT IN MY ATTACKS WHEN I KNEW IT WAS YOU GUYS.
BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU'D UNDERGONE THE SAME FATE!!
BUT NOW THAT I KNOW THE TRUTH...
...I CAN ATTACK WITHOUT HOLDING BACK!!
DAT
PAAA

XATU, PSYCH...
KAAA

PUFF.
PUFF.
I'VE FINALLY GOTTEN RID OF THE TEAM ROCKET MEMBERS.
PIKA AND CHUCHU SHOULD BE WITH UNCLE NOW...
BUT I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
...WHY WERE THEY AFTER MY HAT?
I HEAR A STRANGE BUZZING SOUND IN THIS FOREST...
ZAAW

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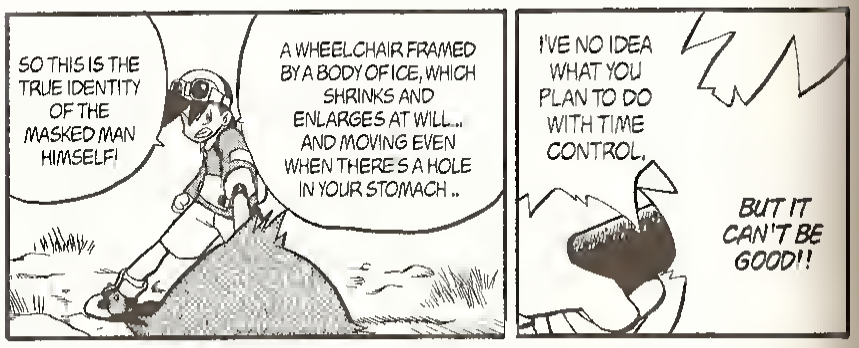
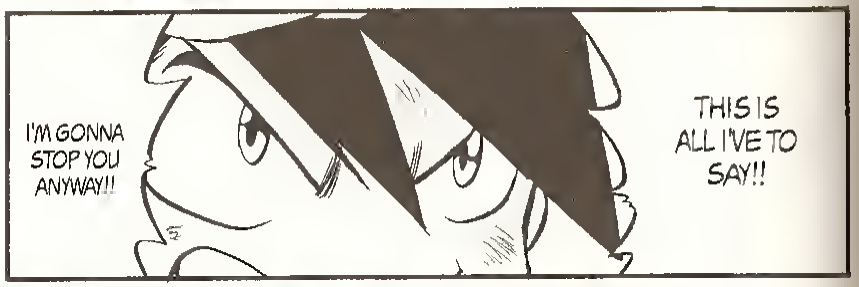
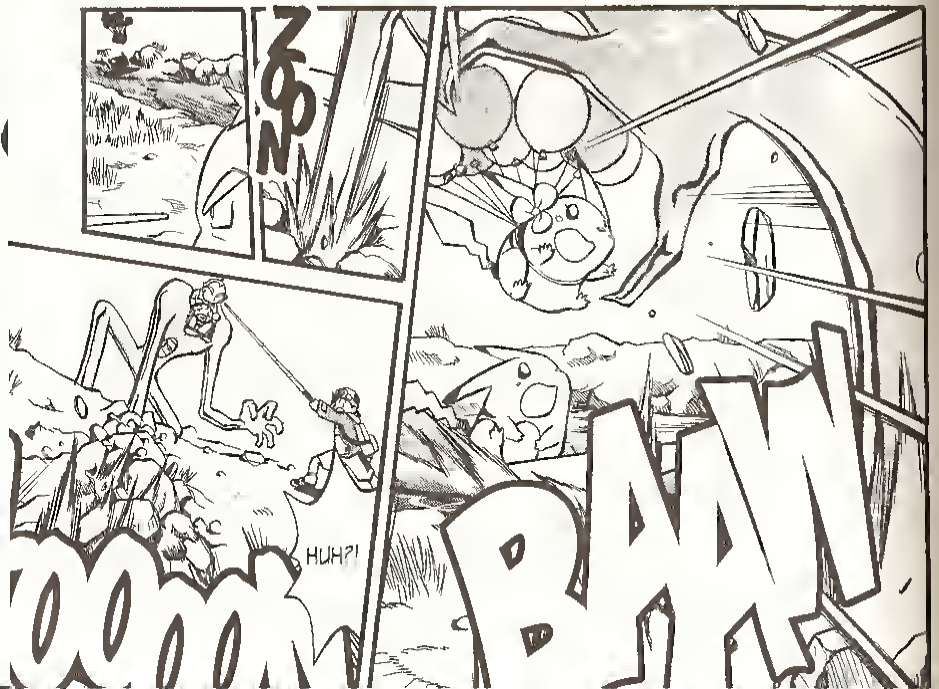
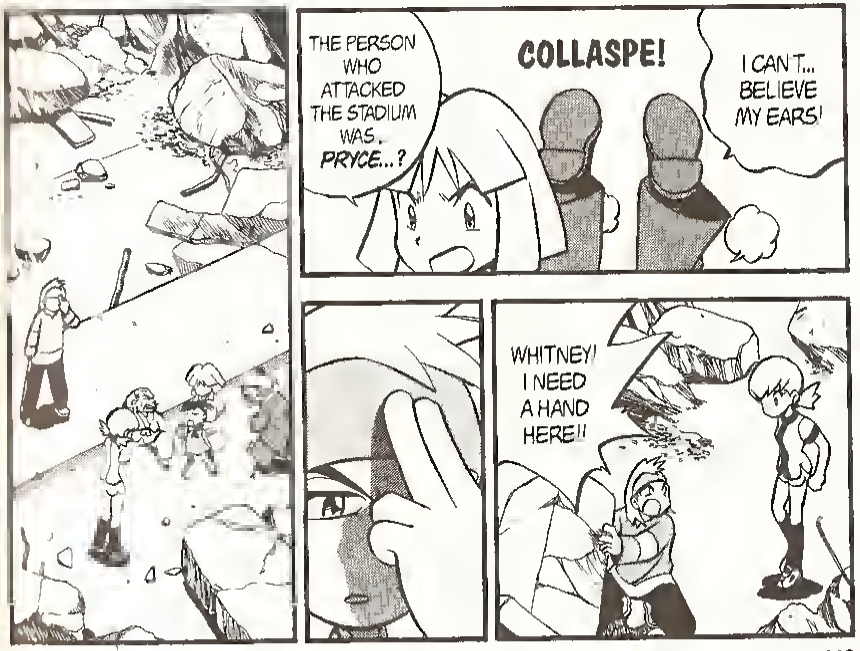
YOU'RE THE GYM LEADER OF MAHOGANY, PRYCE!!
YEAH!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE !!
DON'T YOU MOVE!!
SHANK

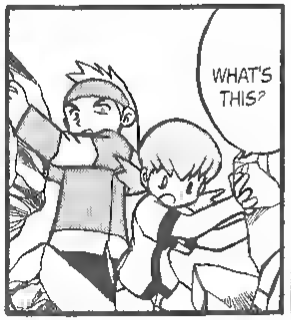

SO THIS IS THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE MASKED MAN HIMSELF!
A WHEELCHAIR FRAMED BY A BODY OF ICE, WHICH SHRINKS AND ENLARGES AT WILL... AND MOVING EVEN WHEN THERE'S A HOLE IN YOUR STOMACH..
I'VE NO IDEA WHAT YOU PLAN TO DO WITH TIME CONTROL.
BUT IT CAN'T BE GOOD!!


I'M GONNA STOP YOU ANYWAY!!
THIS IS ALL I'VE TO SAY!!


ZAAW
!!
HUH?!
BAM
BAM

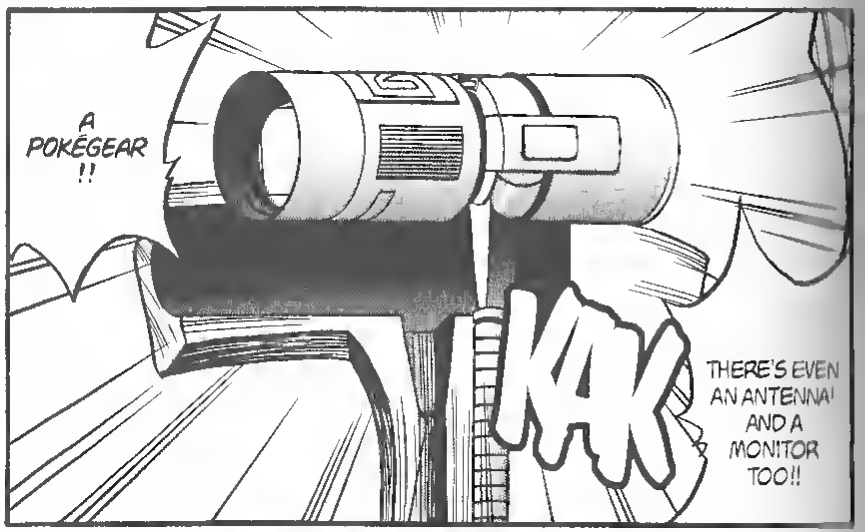
ZAAW
!!
OLD MAN!! LEAVE THOSE POKÉMON ALONE!!
DROP THAT CUE!!


THE PERSON WHO ATTACKED THE STADIUM WAS, PRYCE...?
COLLASPE!
I CAN'T... BELIEVE MY EARS!
WHITNEY! I NEED A HAND HERE!!

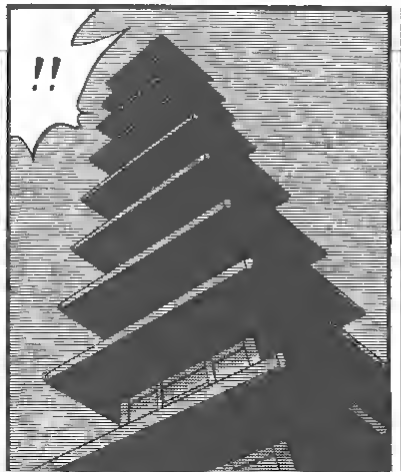

WHAT'S THIS?

IT BELONGS TO PRYCE! IT'S THE OLD MAN'S STAFF!

UH! LOOK!!


A POKÉGEAR !!
KAK
THERE'S EVEN AN ANTENNA! AND A MONITOR TOO!!

I WONDER WHAT IT SHOWS...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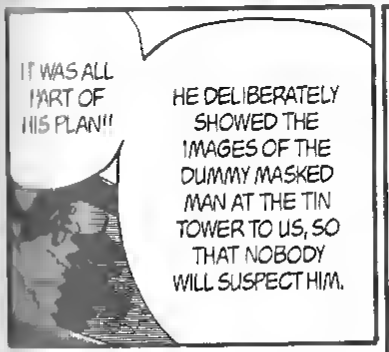
HE PLANNED EVERY-THING...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

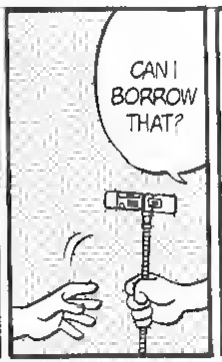
WHEN IMAGES OF THE MASKED MAN AND THE TIN TOWER APPEARED ON THE AURORA VISION, ALL THE LEADERS WERE AT THE STADIUM!
INCLUDING PRYCE HIMSELF!!

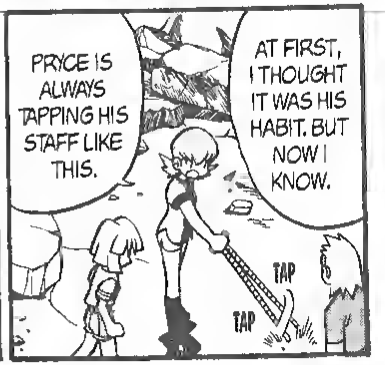

IT WAS ALL PART OF HIS PLAN!!
HE DELIBERATELY SHOWED THE IMAGES OF THE DUMMY MASKED MAN AT THE TIN TOWER TO US, SO THAT NOBODY WILL SUSPECT HIM.

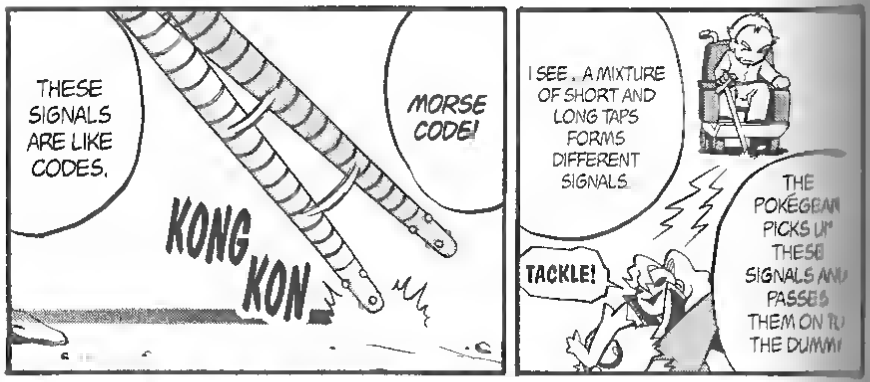
THERE WAS PROBABLY A CAMERA FIXED AT THE DUMMY'S EYES WHICH IS CONNECTED TO THE POKÉGEAR IN HIS STAFF. HE USES IT TO SEE EVERYTHING FROM THE DUMMY'S EYES.
THAT'S WHY HE CAN BE HERE AND AT THE SAME TIME, BATTLE HO-OH OVER THERE!

DUMMY... MASKED MAN...
AHH ...

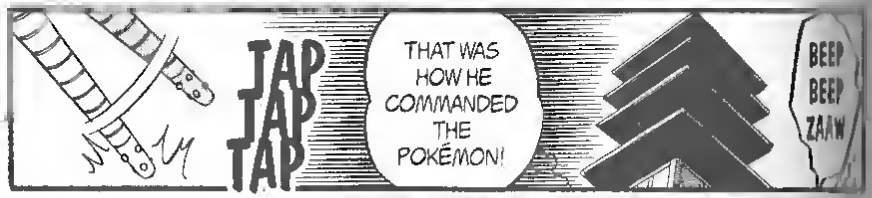
BUT HOW DOES HE COMMAND HIS POKÉMON?

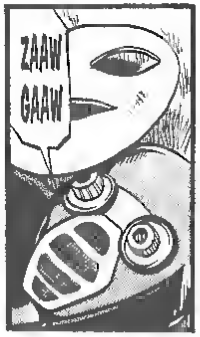

CAN I BORROW THAT?


PRYCE IS ALWAYS TAPPING HIS STAFF LIKE THIS.
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS HIS HABIT. BUT NOW I KNOW.
TAP
TAP

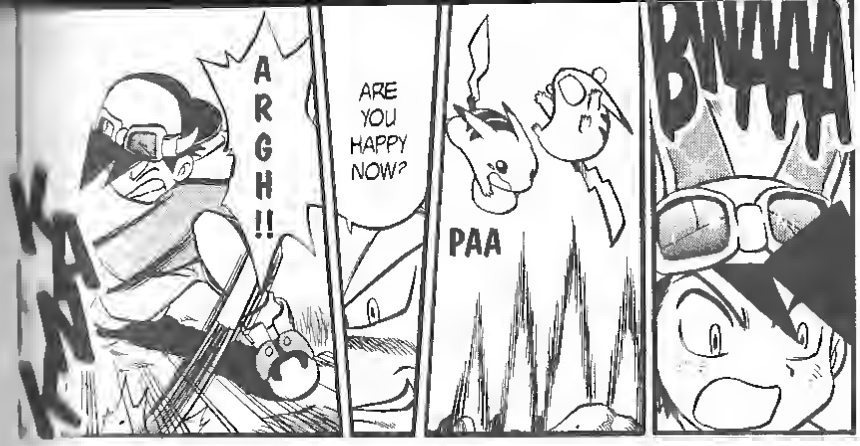

THESE SIGNALS ARE LIKE CODES.
MORSE CODE!
KONG KON

I SEE. A MIXTURE OF SHORT AND LONG TAPS FORMS DIFFERENT SIGNALS.
TACKLE!
THE POKÉGEAR PICKS UP THESE SIGNALS AND PASSES THEM ON TO THE DUMMY

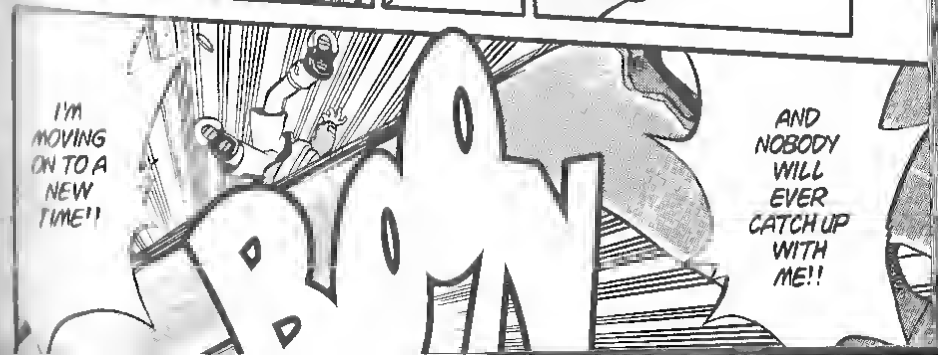

TAP TAP TAP
THAT WAS HOW HE COMMANDED THE POKÉMON!
BEEP BEEP ZAAW


ZAAW GAAW

GRR
GRR
GRR
RELEASE THOSE PIKACHUS AND THAT EGG!


KA KA KA
ARGH!!
ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?
PAA
BWAAA

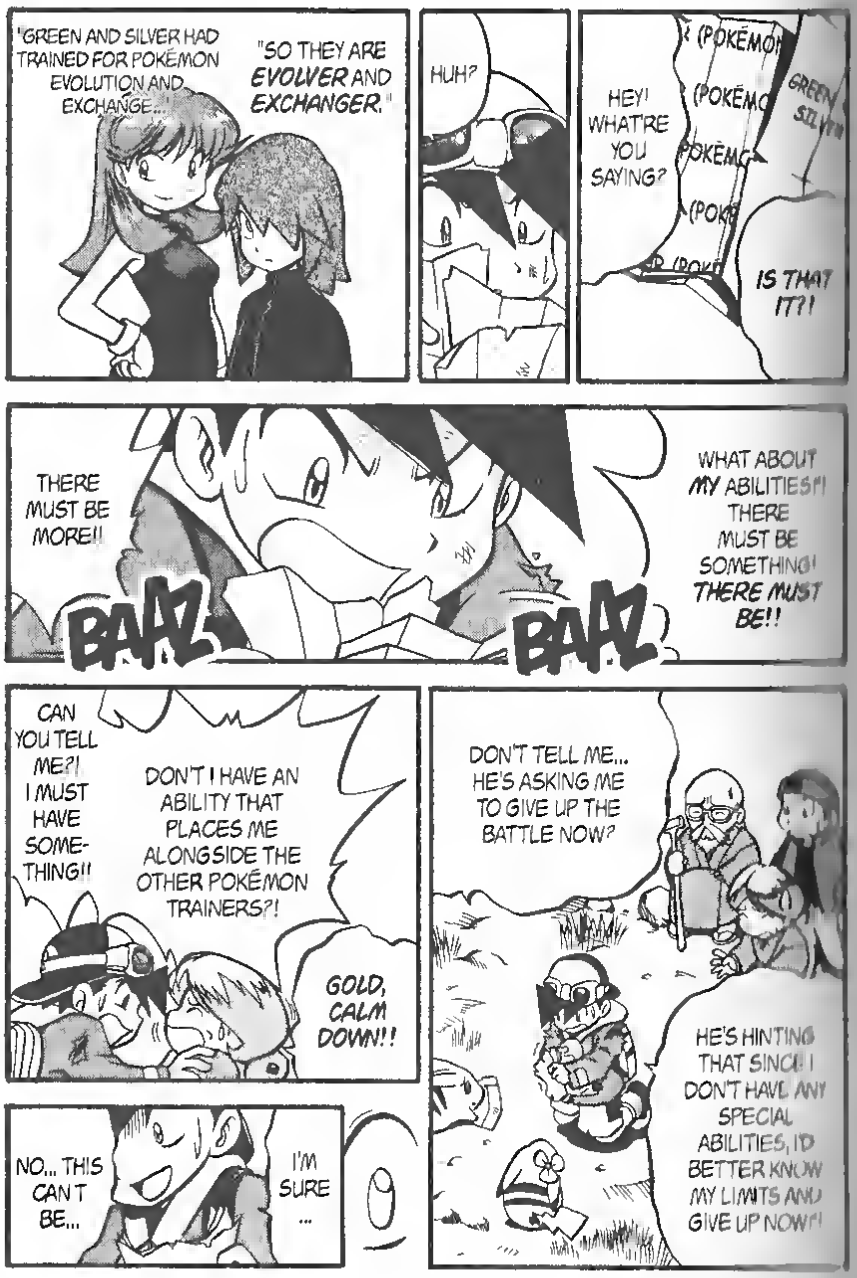
WOAAHH!!
BOK POK
NOW THAT YOU'VE SEEN MY FACE, IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT I SILENCE YOU.
BUT THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT NOW...
WHAT D'YA MEAN?!
WE WON'T BE MEETING AGAIN.


I'M MOVING ON TO A NEW TIME!!
BOOM
AND NOBODY WILL EVER CATCH UP WITH ME!!

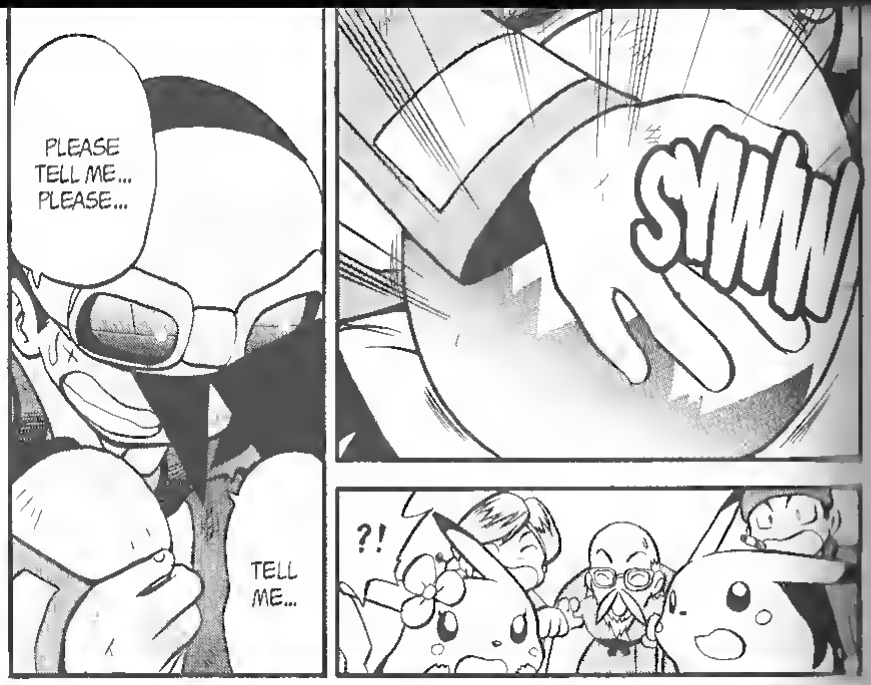
DAAN
ROLL ROLL
SHANK
WHY AREN'T YOU RETRI ATING ?!
AH, YOU'RE TRYING TO PROTECT THE POKÉMON EGG!!
UGH ...!!
ZONG
ZON
WHAT A FOOL! HAVE FUN THEN...
I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY THIS OUT
IF I CAN REALLY ENTER TIME AND TRAVEL THROUGH IT...
GYWWWWW
I'M DONE !!
THE BALLS COM-PLETE !!
CREAK
CREAK
GYWWWWW
DOM
URGH ...
ARG... MY BODY...! CAN'T MOVE...
...I CAN'T DEFEAT HIM... NOT LIKE THIS...
AHH...
GO-GOLD...

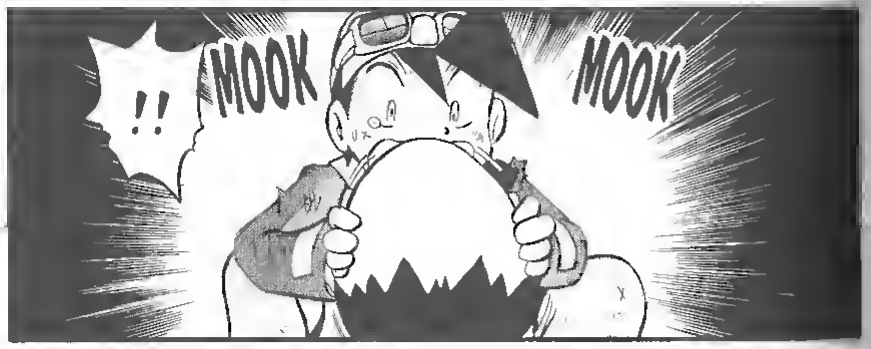
OH! YOU DEFENDED PIKA AND CHUCHU'S EGG...
HEY! YOU OKAY?
YOU'RE ASKING ME? YOU'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK AT YOURSELF!
OH...HAHA, WE WERE ATTACKED TOO.
BY THE TEAM ROCKET MEMBERS UNDER THE MASKED MAN...
WHAT?! ARGH...
AWW... AWW... OUCH
GOLD!! BEFORE YOU BATTLE AGAIN, YOU MUST READ THIS!
IT'S A GIFT FROM THE PROF HIMSELF!
SURE AM GRATEFUL TO HIM, I HOPE IT'S A SECRET BATTLE METHOD!!
HMM... I DOUBT IT...
GOLD
I WAS TOLD TO PASS THIS TO YOU IF I SHOULD MEET UP WITH YOU.
?
WHAT...
FIGHTER (POKÉMON BATTLE)
TRAINER (POKÉMON TRANING)
HEALER (POKÉMON HEALING)
CAPTURER (POKÉMON CAPTURE)
EVOLVER (POKÉMON EVOLUTION)
WHAT'S THIS?

"ALL THE TRAINERS ENTRUSTED WITH MY POKÉDEX HAVE VERY DIFFERENT ABILITIES."
"AS A RESEARCHER OBSERVING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRAINER AND POKÉMON..."
"... I THINK THEIR ABILITIES ARE IMPORTANT TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF THEM."
"RED, A PREVIOUS CHAMPION OF POKÉMON LEAGUE, HE'S THE BEST PERSON FOR POKÉMON BATTLE, A FIGHTER."
"BLUE, HE'S GOOD AT TRAINING POKÉMON, HE'S A TRAINER."
"YELLOW, THE HEALER WITH THE ABILITIES TO HEAL POKÉMON."
"CHRIS, THE PRO IN POKÉMON CAPTURING, THE CAPTURER."
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THESE NAMES, OTHER THAN CHRIS...
SO THEY MUST BE MY SENIORS THEN... BUT WHAT'S HE TRYING TO SAY?!
!!
"GREEN AND THE BOY SHE ADORES LIKE A BROTHER, SILVER..."
"AFTER GREEN CONFIDED IN ME ABOUT HER PAST, I GUESSED THAT THE BOY WHO STOLE MY POKÉDEX WAS SILVER."


"GREEN AND SILVER HAD TRAINED FOR POKÉMON EVOLUTION AND EXCHANGE..."
"SO THEY ARE EVOLVER AND EXCHANGER."
HUH?
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?
(POKÉMON
(POKÉMO
POKÉMO
(POKÉ
GREEN
SILVER
IS THAT IT?!
THERE MUST BE MORE!!
BAAZ
BAAZ
WHAT ABOUT MY ABILITIES?! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING! THERE MUST BE!!
CAN YOU TELL ME?! I MUST HAVE SOME-THING!!
DON'T I HAVE AN ABILITY THAT PLACES ME ALONGSIDE THE OTHER POKÉMON TRAINERS?!
GOLD, CALM DOWN!!
NO... THIS CAN'T BE...
I'M SURE ...
DON'T TELL ME... HE'S ASKING ME TO GIVE UP THE BATTLE NOW?
HE'S HINTING THAT SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL ABILITIES, I'D BETTER KNOW MY LIMITS AND GIVE UP NOW?!

HE WROTE ALL THAT JUST TO TELL ME THIS?!
CAAZ
WHAT A JOKE!!
HOW CAN I STOP NOW?!
I MUST HAVE SOME-THING, DON'T I?
SOME-THING TO BE PROUD OF?!
BATTLE, TRAINING, HEALING, CAPTURE, EVOLUTION, EXCHANGE!!
CAAZ
CAAZ
A SEVENTH ABILITY TO ADD TO THE LIST!!
PROF! PLEASE! PLEASE TELL ME!!
TELL MEEEEE !!


PLEASE TELL ME... PLEASE...
TELL ME...
SWW
?!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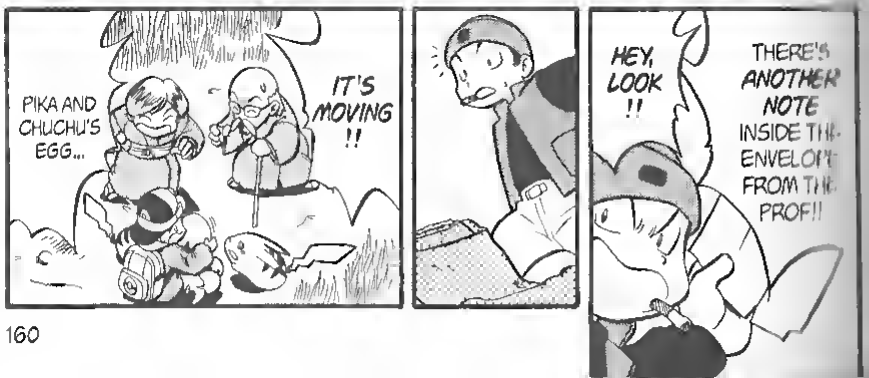
MOOK
MOOK


PIKA AND CHUCHU'S EGG...
IT'S MOVING !!
HEY, LOOK !!
THERE'S ANOTHER NOTE INSIDE THE ENVELOPE FROM THE PROF!!

"ALL THE TRAINERS ENTRUSTED WITH MY POKÉMON SO FAR, HAVE VERY DIFFERENT ABILITIES...
FIGHTER (POKÉMON BATTLE)! TRAINER (POKÉMON TRAINING)! HEALER (POKÉMON HEALING)! CAPTURER (POKÉMON CAPTURE)!!"
"EVOLVER (POKÉMON EVOLUTION)! EXCHANGER (POKÉMON EXCHANGE)! ...AND GOLD..."

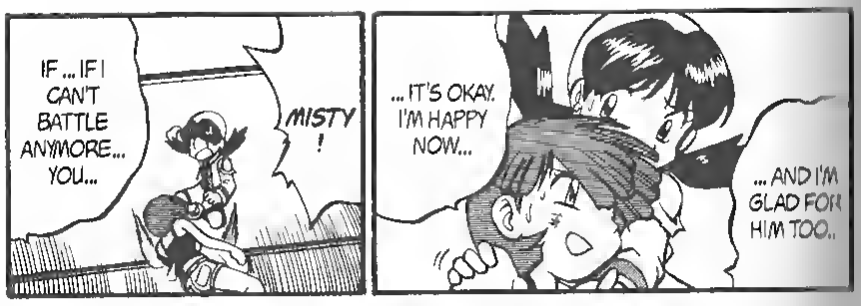
CREAK
THE SEVENTH IN THE LIST...
THAT MUST BE YOUR ABILITY !!
OOH
BREEDER

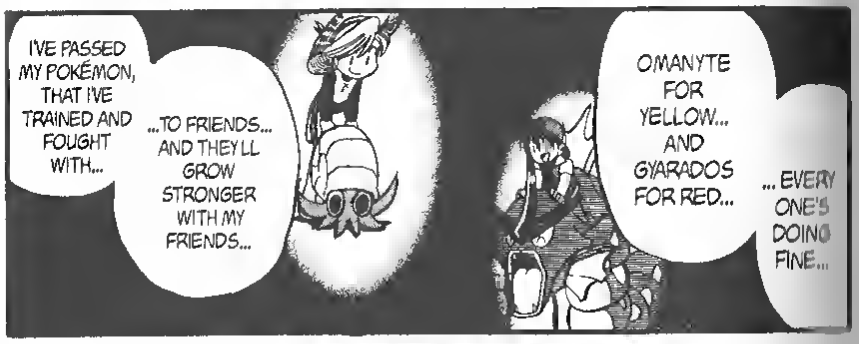
IT'S POKEMON BREEDING!!

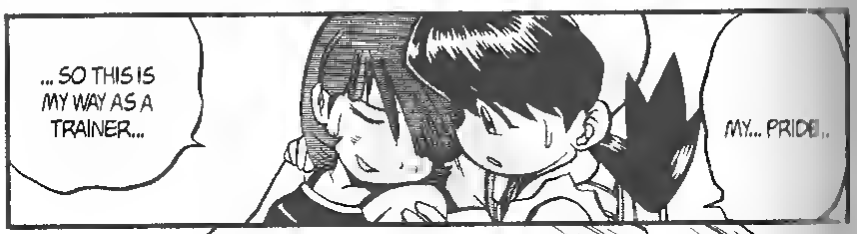
BAM!
BAM!
IT HAS HATCHED!
I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS POKÉMON BEFORE.
GOLD, WHAT DID YOU DO TO THE EGG...?
I ONLY HELD IT IN MY ARMS JUST NOW...
I ONLY WANTED TO PROTECT IT...
I DIDN'T WANT TO INVOLVE IT IN THE BATTLE
BUT YOU WERE BORN JUST LIKE THAT...
DONG!
HEY HEY !!
BUZZZZ
HATCHED BY ME...!
WOOOH
HUH? WHAT ?!
GOLD!!
BOOOOO
YOU WANNA GIVE CHASE?!
AFTER THAT OLD MAN ?!
BAAZ
WELL THEN ...
BAM
LET'S GO!!
SWWOOP
GOLD'S DISAPPEARED!! AND WHAT'S WITH THAT AURORA?!
NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THIS!! WE SHOULD FOLLOW THEM!!

EUSINE...
UH, I'M OKAY.
THE BATTLE INSIDE THE CRYSTAL WALL WAS TOUGHER THAN I'D EXPECTED.
HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE.
SURGE... AND I... WE CAN'T PROCEED TO THE NEXT BATTLE... EITHER...
AND...
SUICUNE...
SUICUNE, YOU STILL WANNA GO ON, DON'T YOU?
TO THE LAST BATTLE...
I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO BE THERE WITH YOU... HUFF HUFF.

BUT I'M SORRY... I CAN'T... I CAN'T GO WITH YOU...
YOU MUST FIND A NEW PARTNER!
DONG DONG DONG
SYWW
ME?
POR
..! MY EARRING !
NO WONDER...
HEHEH, HE HAD IT WITH HIM ALL ALONG...
I STARTED WONDERING WHEN I SAW THE EARRING ON YOUR RIGHT EAR...
...HE MUST HAVE MADE UP HIS MIND...


IF ... IF I CAN'T BATTLE ANYMORE... YOU...
MISTY !
... IT'S OKAY. I'M HAPPY NOW...
... AND I'M GLAD FOR HIM TOO..


I'VE PASSED MY POKÉMON, THAT I'VE TRAINED AND FOUGHT WITH...
...TO FRIENDS... AND THEY'LL GROW STRONGER WITH MY FRIENDS...
OMANYTE FOR YELLOW... AND GYARADOS FOR RED...
... EVERY ONE'S DOING FINE...


... SO THIS IS MY WAY AS A TRAINER...
MY... PRIDE..

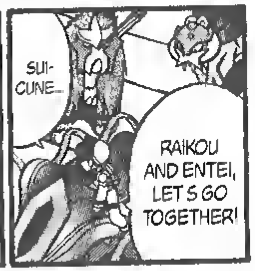
I KNEW RIGHT FROM THE START...
...THAT I WOULD NOT BE YOUR LAST TRAINER...

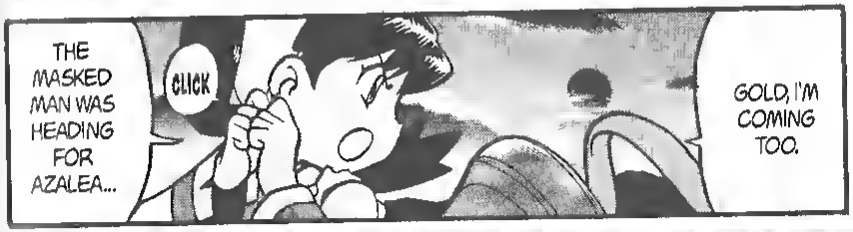
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF...
... SUICUNE.

I WILL!!

IF SUICUNE IS GOING, THESE TWO WON'T WANT TO STAY...
CAN YOU BRING THEM ALONG?

IS THAT ALRIGHT, SURGE?
YEAH, GO AHEAD!

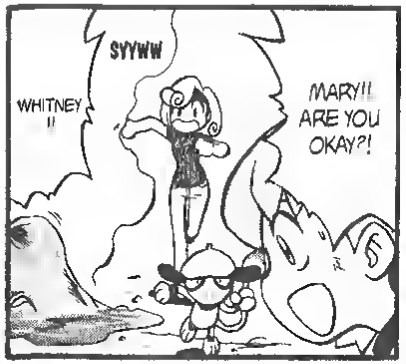

SUI-CUNE...
RAIKOU AND ENTEI, LET'S GO TOGETHER!

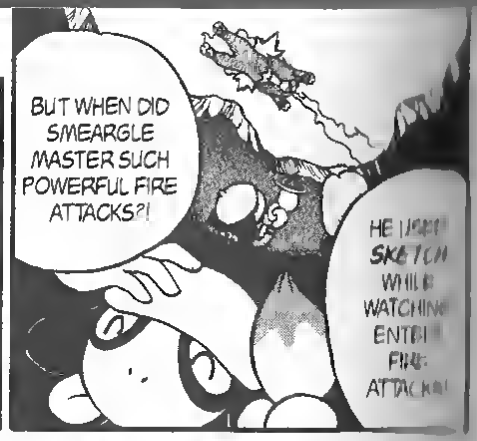

THE MASKED MAN WAS HEADING FOR AZALEA...
CLICK
GOLD, I'M COMING TOO.

EVERYONE!
HURRY!!

SOB...
HEY, EUSINE-!!
OH!
MY BUDDY !!
FLAP
FLAP
YOU LOOK DREAD-FUL!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
YEAH! BUT IS IT REALLY OKAY TO LET SUICUNE GO...?
HMM... I'M SURE HE'S IMPRESSED BY MY DISPLAY OF PROWESS JUST NOW.
HE WILL DEFINITELY COME BACK.
AFTER ALL, I'M HIS SAVIOR!
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT WERE YOU THINKING WHEN YOU SAW HO-OH?
HA HA.
I ADMIT I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I SAW THE RAINBOW POKÉMON.
...THAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR ON THE AURORA VISION.
BUT I'M A GYM LEADER.
BEFORE I GO CHASING AFTER THE POKÉMON, I NEED TO CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE FIRST.

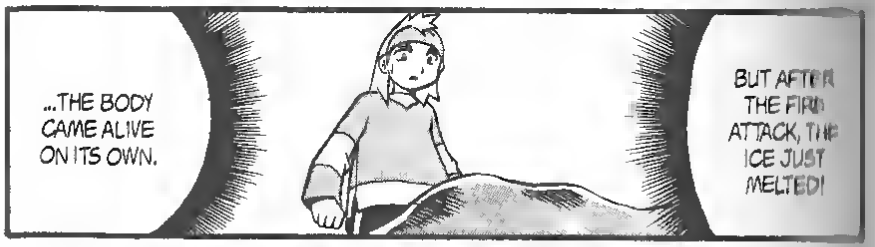
EVEN NOW..
KYYN
...IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO PLOTS TO HARM THE INNOCENT..
!!
THE REMAINS OF THE MASKED MAN'S BODY...
WHAT ?!
WHAT'S WRONG ?!
...IT'S REGENERATING ITSELF BY GATHERING THE VAPORS IN THE AIR!!
AHH !!
DONG
DONG
DONG
KYAA!!
ZAAW
GAAW

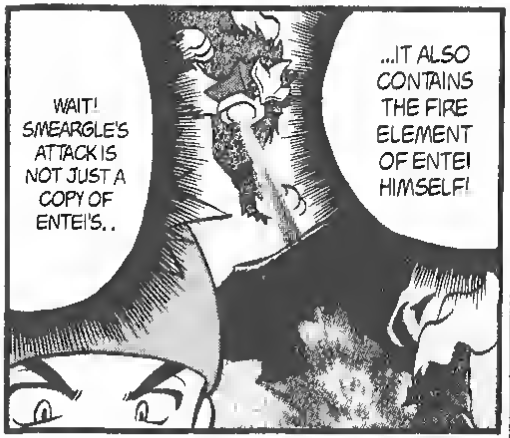

SYYWW
WHITNEY !!
MARY!! ARE YOU OKAY?!


BUT WHEN DID SMEARGLE MASTER SUCH POWERFUL FIRE ATTACKS?!
HE USED SKETCH WHILE WATCHING ENTEI'S FIRE ATTACKS!

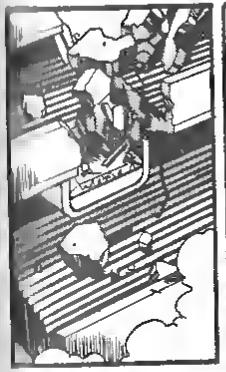
WE MUST BE SO LUCKY... SAVED BY A TECHNIQUE THAT COPIES AN ATTACK...
YES, AND I MUST SAY, PRYCE IS ONE POWERFUL MAN TO CREATE SUCH A BODY TOO...

UH?! THIS IS?!!


...THE BODY CAME ALIVE ON ITS OWN.
BUT AFTER THE FIRE ATTACK, THE ICE JUST MELTED!


WAIT! SMEARGLE'S ATTACK IS NOT JUST A COPY OF ENTEI'S..
...IT ALSO CONTAINS THE FIRE ELEMENT OF ENTEI HIMSELF!

THERE MUST STILL BE PEOPLE WHO RE TRAPPED UNDER THE DEBRIS. IT'S OUR JOB TO SAVE THEM!
HURRY !!

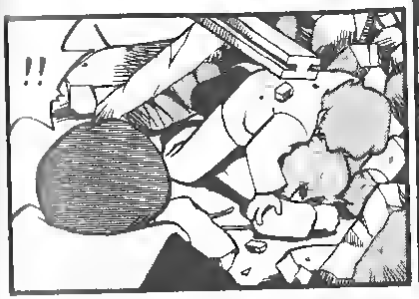


AW AW OUCH ..
AWW ... AH!

WHAT A MESS...
I'VE SEEN A LOT OF THINGS IN MY LIFETIME, BUT THIS ONE TAKES THE CAKE!

HELLO-! ANY-BODY THERE -!!
ANY-BODY -?!

HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?!
UH... OUCH...
HUH !!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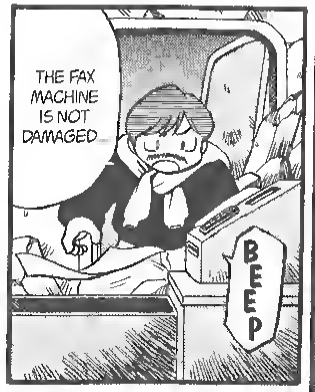
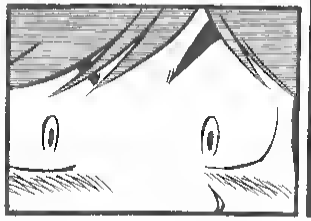
DAISY, ARE YOU OKAY?
UHH...
SHE'S COMING AROUND!! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!

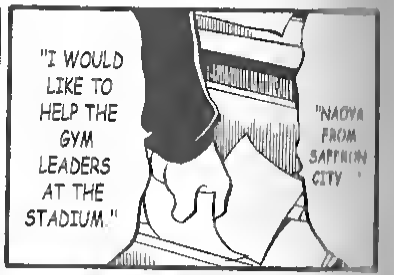
ZZNNZZZ

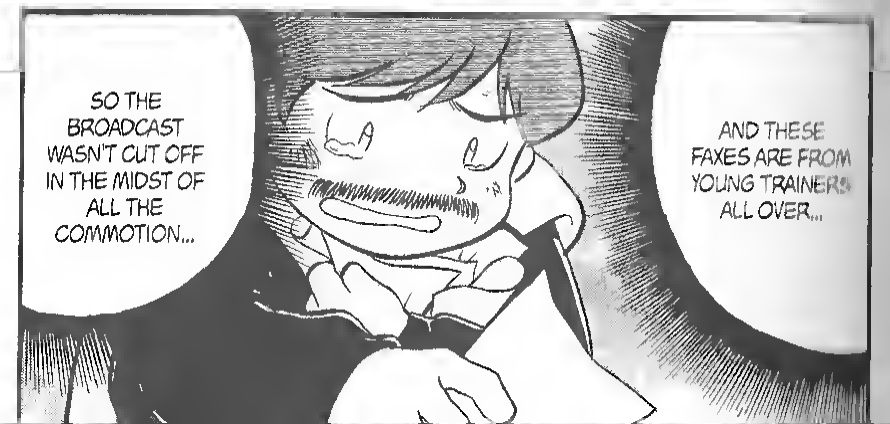


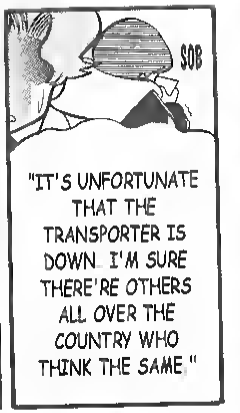
I HAVE BEEN TUNING INTO THE RADIO! ALTHOUGH THE BROADCAST WAS FUZZY, I REALIZED THAT SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED AT THE STADIUM. WHAT HAS HAPPENED? I AM VERY WORRIED.
VIOLET CITY YURI

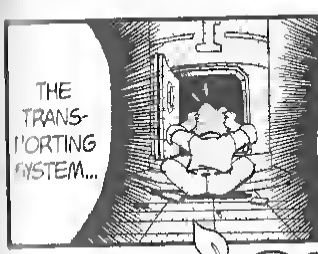


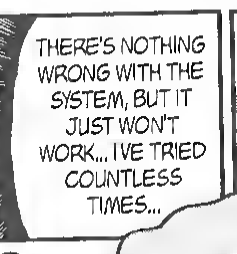
"IS IT TRUE THAT INTRUDERS HAVE CREATED HAVOC AT THE STADIUM?"
"I HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO YOUR BROADCAST, JUN FROM BLACKTHORN CITY..."

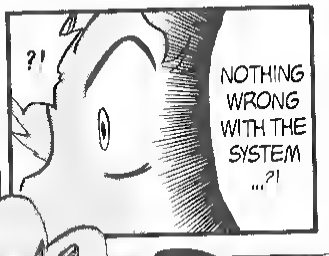












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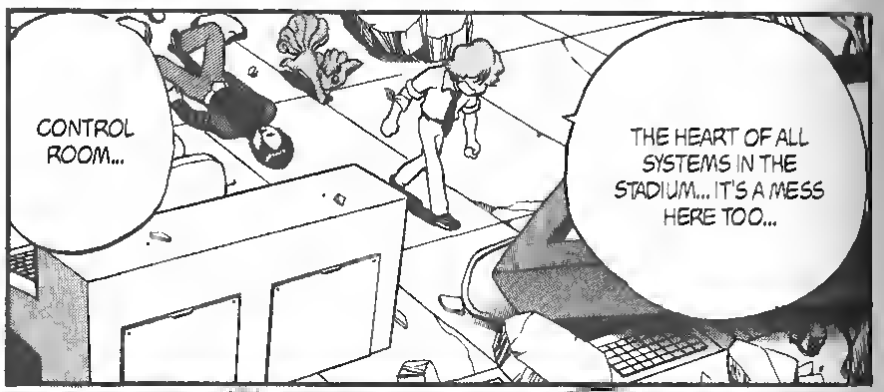
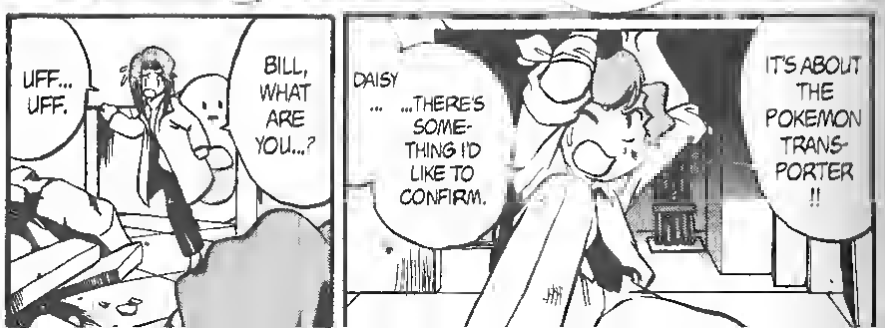
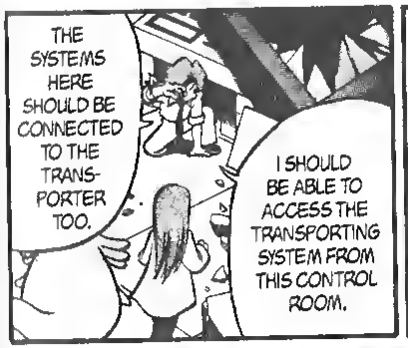
THE LAST BATTLE XIII

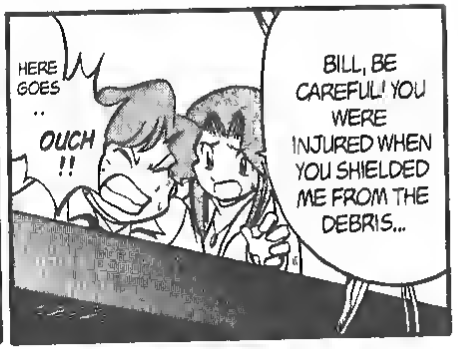
HUFF.
HUFF...
HUFF...


CONTROL ROOM...
THE HEART OF ALL SYSTEMS IN THE STADIUM... IT'S A MESS HERE TOO...

TYPE
TYPE
PLEASE!
LET THERE BE SOMETHING THAT'S WORKING.


UFF... UFF.
BILL, WHAT ARE YOU...?
DAISY ... ...THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO CONFIRM.
IT'S ABOUT THE POKEMON TRANSPORTER !!


THE SYSTEMS HERE SHOULD BE CONNECTED TO THE TRANSPORTER TOO.
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE TRANSPORTING SYSTEM FROM THIS CONTROL ROOM.


HERE GOES ..
OUCH !!
BILL, BE CAREFUL! YOU WERE INJURED WHEN YOU SHIELDED ME FROM THE DEBRIS...

THIS IS NOTHING... DON'T WORRY...
THE GYM LEADERS ARE ALSO DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN!!

...
URGH !!

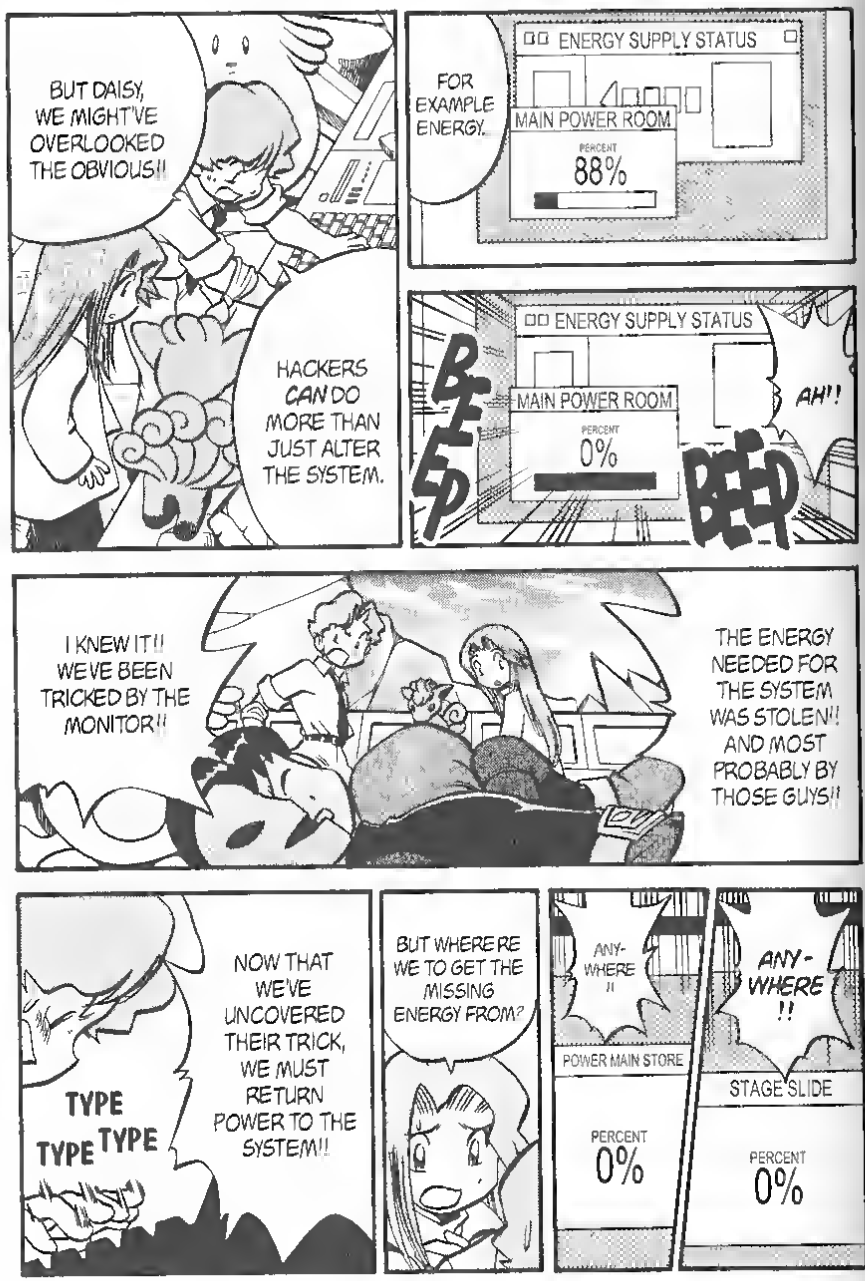
UH...?

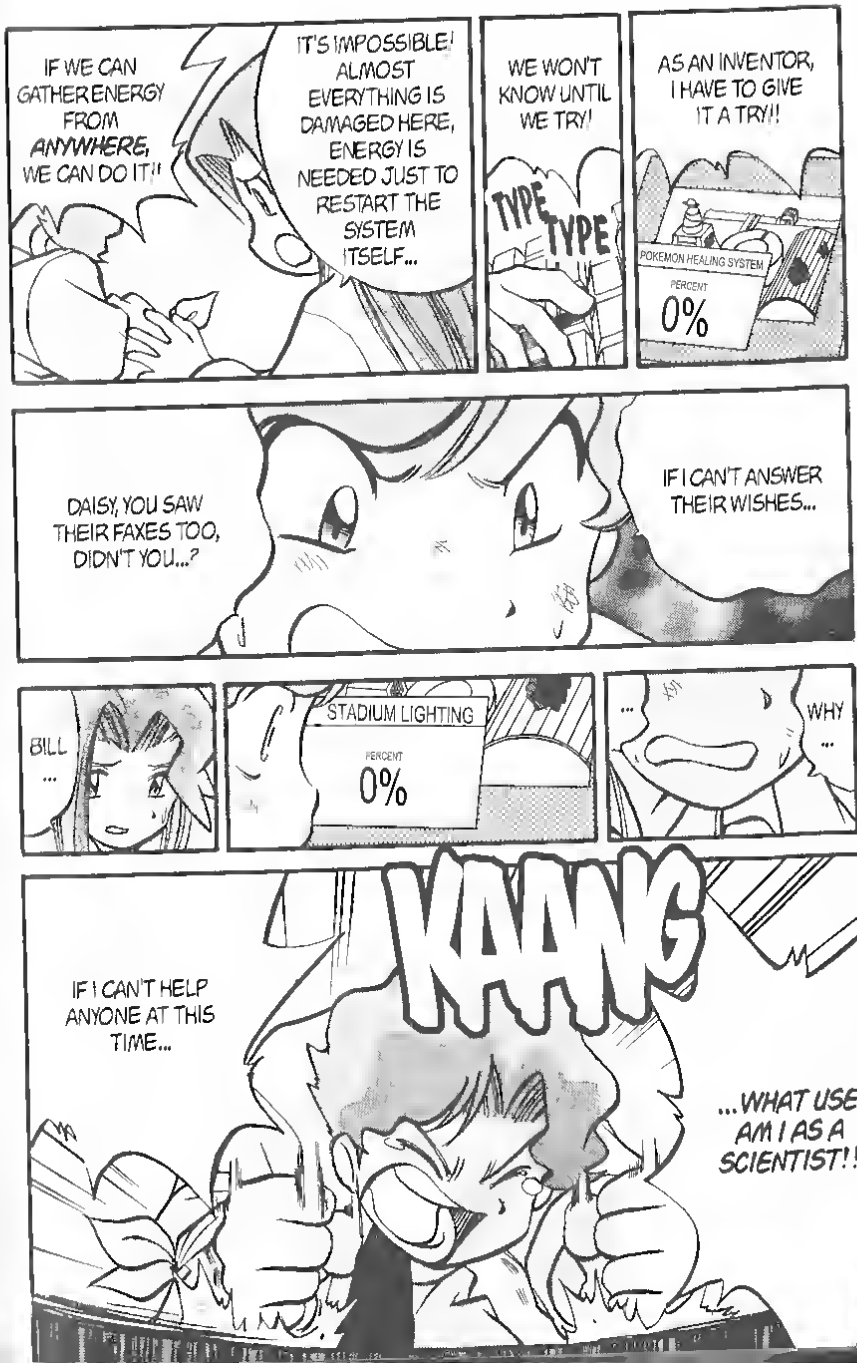
I WANT TO HELP THEM TOO!
DAISY...

IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A YEAR SINCE THE TRANSPORTER BROKE DOWN.
KAANK
I'VE EVEN CHECKED TO SEE IF IT'S THE WORK OF A HACKER.

BUT I'VE FOUND NOTHING.
TYPE

WEEN
I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT FROM MY GRANDFATHER TOO. THE REASON IS UNKNOWN...

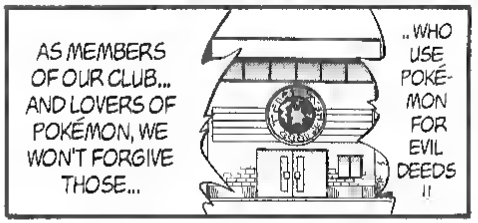

BUT DAISY, WE MIGHT'VE OVERLOOKED THE OBVIOUS!!
HACKERS CAN DO MORE THAN JUST ALTER THE SYSTEM.
FOR EXAMPLE ENERGY.
ENERGY SUPPLY STATUS
MAIN POWER ROOM
PERCENT
88%
ENERGY SUPPLY STATUS
MAIN POWER ROOM
PERCENT
0%
BEEP
BEEP
AH!!
I KNEW IT!! WE'VE BEEN TRICKED BY THE MONITOR!!
THE ENERGY NEEDED FOR THE SYSTEM WAS STOLEN!! AND MOST PROBABLY BY THOSE GUYS!!
TYPE
TYPE TYPE
NOW THAT WE'VE UNCOVERED THEIR TRICK, WE MUST RETURN POWER TO THE SYSTEM!!
BUT WHERE RE WE TO GET THE MISSING ENERGY FROM?
ANY-WHERE !!
ANY-WHERE !!
POWER MAIN STORE
PERCENT
0%
STAGE SLIDE
PERCENT
0%

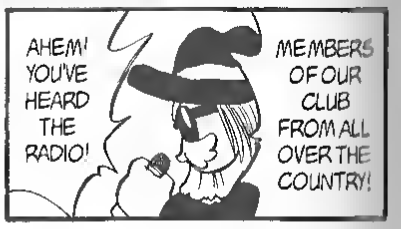

IF WE CAN GATHER ENERGY FROM ANYWHERE, WE CAN DO IT!!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! ALMOST EVERYTHING IS DAMAGED HERE, ENERGY IS NEEDED JUST TO RESTART THE SYSTEM ITSELF...
WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL WE TRY!
TYPE TYPE
AS AN INVENTOR, I HAVE TO GIVE IT A TRY!!
POKEMON HEALING SYSTEM
PERCENT
0%
DAISY, YOU SAW THEIR FAXES TOO, DIDN'T YOU...?
IF I CAN'T ANSWER THEIR WISHES...
BILL ...
STADIUM LIGHTING
PERCENT
0%
... WHY ...
IF I CAN'T HELP ANYONE AT THIS TIME...
KNANG
...WHAT USE AM I AS A SCIENTIST!!

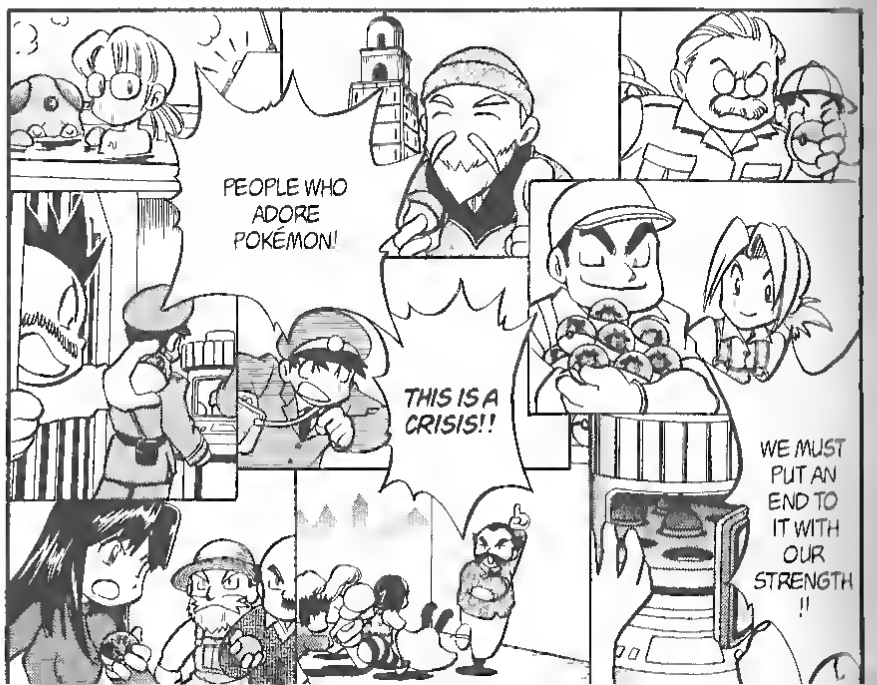
!!
BILL, LOOK !!
THE ENERGY LEVEL IS INCREASING AGAIN ?!
LINEAR MOTOR CAR POWER
PERCENT
317%
BUT HOW !!
...NATURALLY, BILL AND THE OTHERS WERE UNAWARE OF THIS...
...BUT A LOT OF ENERGY WAS REQUIRED JUST TO MOVE THE TRAIN IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION!
...ENERGY LEFT BY RAIKOU...
...ENORMOUS POWER!
RINGG
HELLO!
DIRECTOR? BILL HERE.
IS THE BROADCAST STILL ALIVE?!
IT IS... BUT WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO?

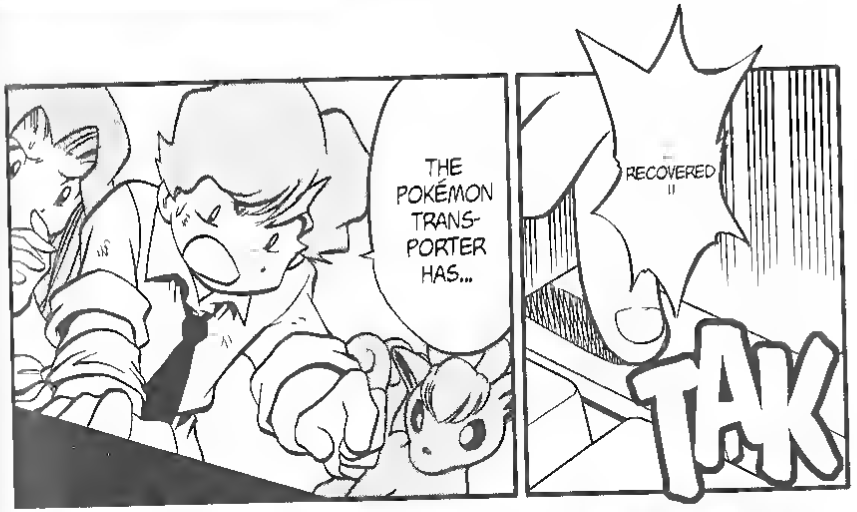
PLEASE TELL EVERYBODY...
...THAT THE POKÉMON TRANSPORTER IS FIXED!!
AND WE'RE GONNA NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!!
ALRIGHT!
I'LL DO THAT!
THIS IS THE GOLDENROD RADIO... I REPEAT...ZZ GZZ.. AT THE STADIUM... IF YOU HAVE POKÉMON TO SPARE... GZZZ BZZ.. WE NEED YOUR HELP...
NOW, THE BATTLE IS... GZZZ BZZ.. NEAR ILEX... CENTER OF AZALEA... ZZZ.. PLEASE LEND US YOUR...
UHM...

YES!! THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO HELP!!


AS MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB... AND LOVERS OF POKÉMON, WE WON'T FORGIVE THOSE...
..WHO USE POKÉ-MON FOR EVIL DEEDS !!


AHEM! YOU'VE HEARD THE RADIO!
MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!


PEOPLE WHO ADORE POKÉMON!
THIS IS A CRISIS!!
WE MUST PUT AN END TO IT WITH OUR STRENGTH !!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RECOVERED !!
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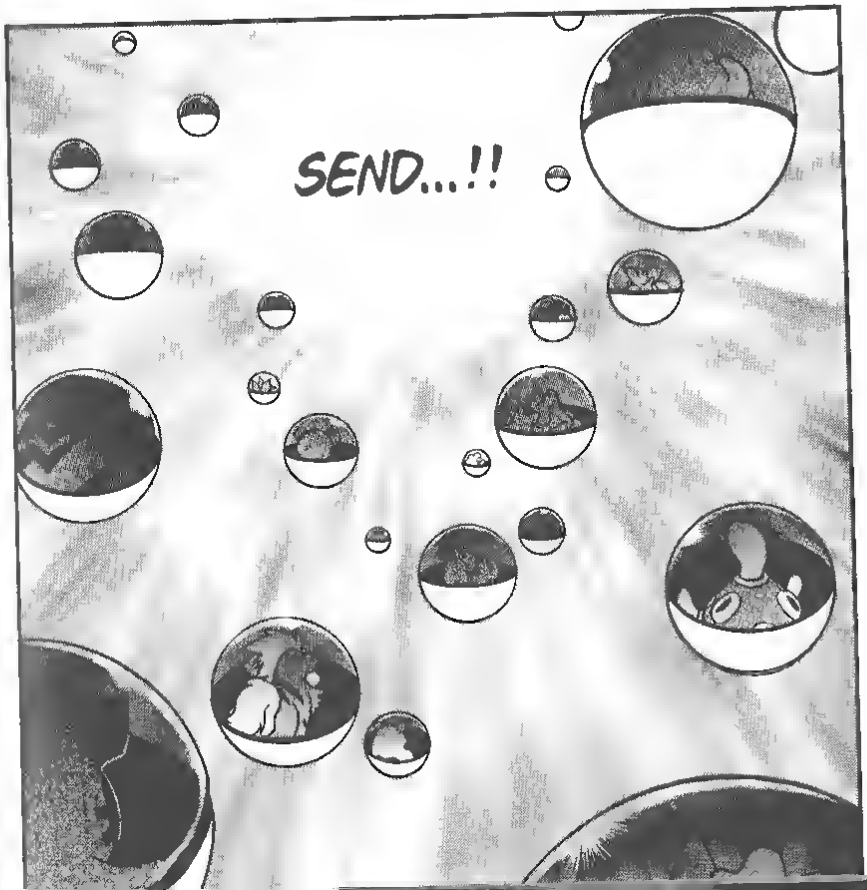
SEND...!!

AZALEA TOWN POKÉMON CENTER
POKE
AZALEA TOWN POKÉMON CENTER
WEEN
PONK
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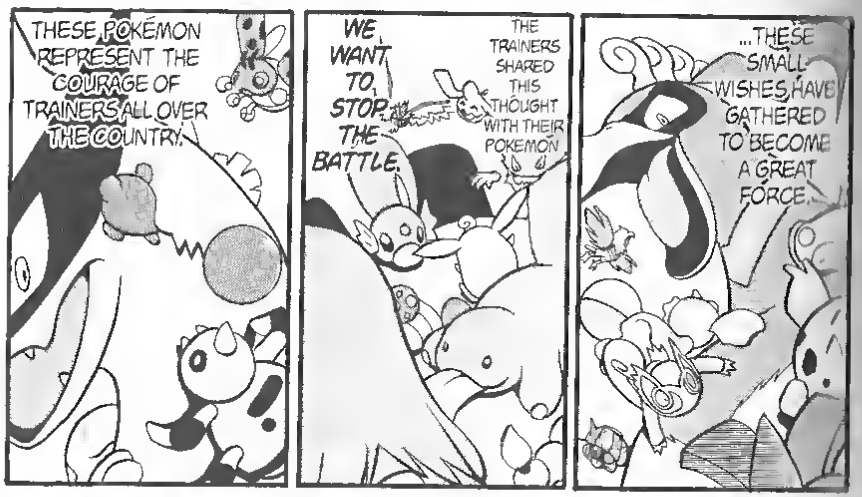
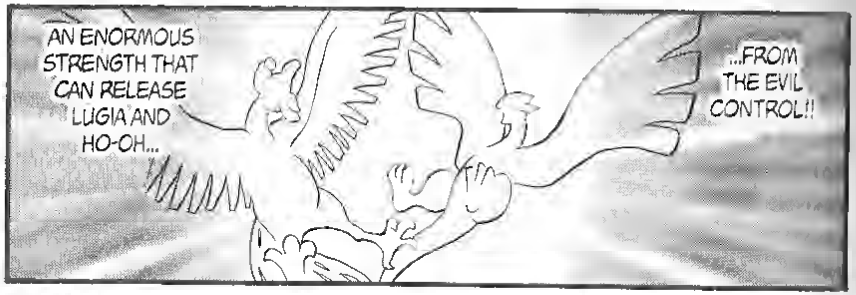
PONK
JRGH...
ZWRRR
AAAHHH!!
GREEN !!

ZOOM
THANKS, BLUE
...
YOU OK, GREEN?!
YEAH!!
IF WE COULD GET A LITTLE BIT CLOSER...
...WE COULD USE ZAPDOS' ELECTRIC ATTACKS AND ARTICUNO'S ICE ATTACKS!!
RIGHT!
WE NEED TO CLOSE IN A LITTLE MORE!
GROOWL
URGH!!
WE NEED A CHANGE OF PLAN!

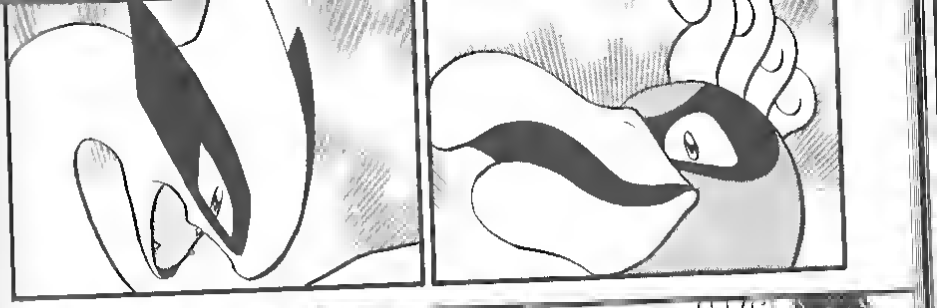
THESE TWO LEGENDARY POKÉMON
...THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE FREE, WITHOUT TRAINERS.
IF THEY'RE BEING CONTROLLED BY SOMEONE...
...OUR PRIORITY SHOULD BE TO RELEASE THEM FROM THAT CONTROL!!
YOU'RE RIGHT...
BUT HOW DO WE...
!!
WHAT'S THAT?!
WYGO
WYGO
KOOOO

LARGE NUMBERS OF POKÉMON ARE FLOODING IN FROM AZALEA...
...AND HEADING FOR LUGIA AND HO-OH!!


THESE POKÉMON REPRESENT THE COURAGE OF TRAINERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.
WE WANT TO STOP THE BATTLE.
THE TRAINERS SHARED THIS THOUGHT WITH THEIR POKÉMON
...THESE SMALL WISHES HAVE GATHERED TO BECOME A GREAT FORCE.


AN ENORMOUS STRENGTH THAT CAN RELEASE LUGIA AND HO-OH...
...FROM THE EVIL CONTROL!!

I CAN FEEL SOME-THING!
IT'S LIKE ...
...THE MELTING OF A COLD HEART...
IT'S A WARM... STRENGTH ...



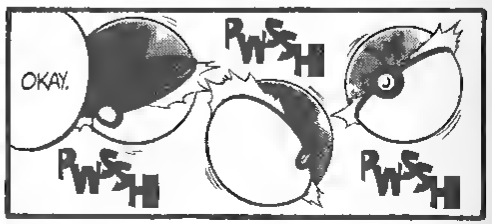
BSAA
BZAA
LUGIA AND HO-OH HAVE STOPPED ATTACKING!
LET'S LAND TOO.

BWAA

THEY'VE BEEN RELEASED ...
... AND THEY'RE RETURNING TO THE SKIES...
YEAH! THE POKÉMON ARE VICTORIOUS!!

WITH THEIR HELP, WE CAN FINALLY GO NEAR THE SHRINE.
OH, GREEN!

CAN YOU RETURN ZAPDOS, ARTICUNO AND MOLTRES TO THEIR POKÉBALLS?
EH?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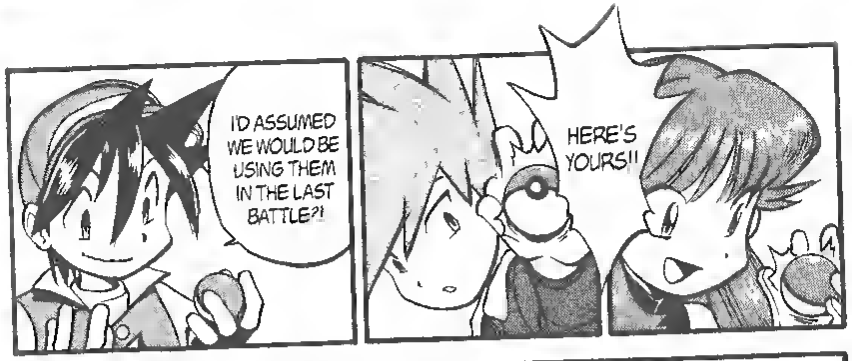
PWSSH
PWSSH
PWSSH


I'D ASSUMED WE WOULD BE USING THEM IN THE LAST BATTLE?!
HERE'S YOURS!!

BOM BOM BOM

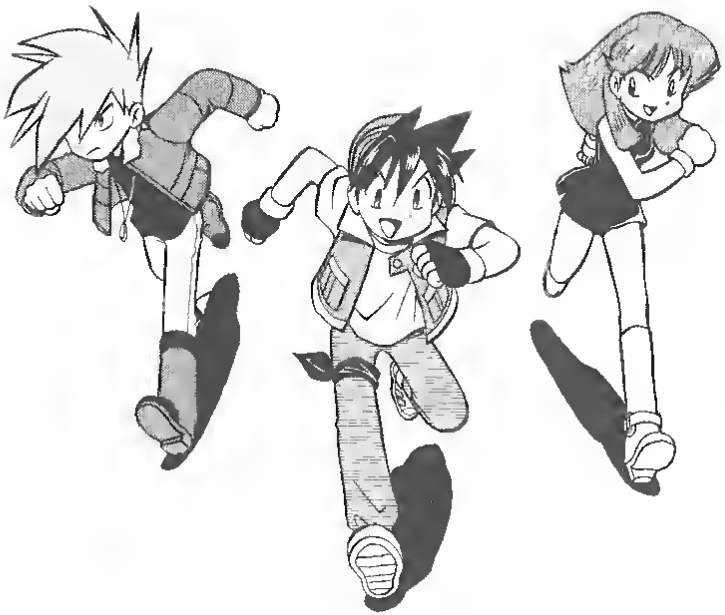
LET'S GO!!

OH NO~~, HOW DID THEY GATHER SO MANY POKÉMON?! EVEN LUGIA AND HO-OH ARE GONE!!
NO!
WAH!!
...THERE'S NO ESCAPE FOR YOU!!
ZAAN
KYAAAAAH
ZOOO OOM

YOU, YOU'RE THE MASK OF ICE!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR MASK AND CLOAK...?
GWAAH!!
I MET A TROUBLE-SOME KID...
...HE KEPT COMING AT ME, BUT HE'S NO LONGER A THREAT...
BUT... WILL...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO LET ANYONE NEAR THIS PLACE?!
TWIST
WHO DO WE HAVE HERE?!
I KNOW YOU'RE THERE...
...FRIENDS FROM BEHIND THE GRASS.
IT'S ME!
FINALLY WE MEET!!
I'M HERE TOO!!
SWOSH
DAT

WE'VE SUCCESSFULLY DEALT WITH THE AIR BATTLE AGAINST LUGIA AND HO-OH!!
AND THEY'RE NO LONGER UNDER YOUR CONTROL!!
I'M HERE TOO !!
TA!
CHRIS!
EVERY-ONE!
YELLOW
YELLOW
ZAAW
CHU!
PIKA AND CHUCHU !!
BAAW!
EXPLOTARO!
ZAAW

WE'LL PUT AN END TO YOUR EVIL AMBITIONS!!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
WE'LL SEE HOW YOU CAN FIGHT ALL OF US!!
?!
GOLD'S NOT HERE!!
PRYCE IS THE MASKED MAN!! GOLD WENT AFTER HIM...!!
GOLD, WHERE'RE YOU?!
TO BE CONTINUED...



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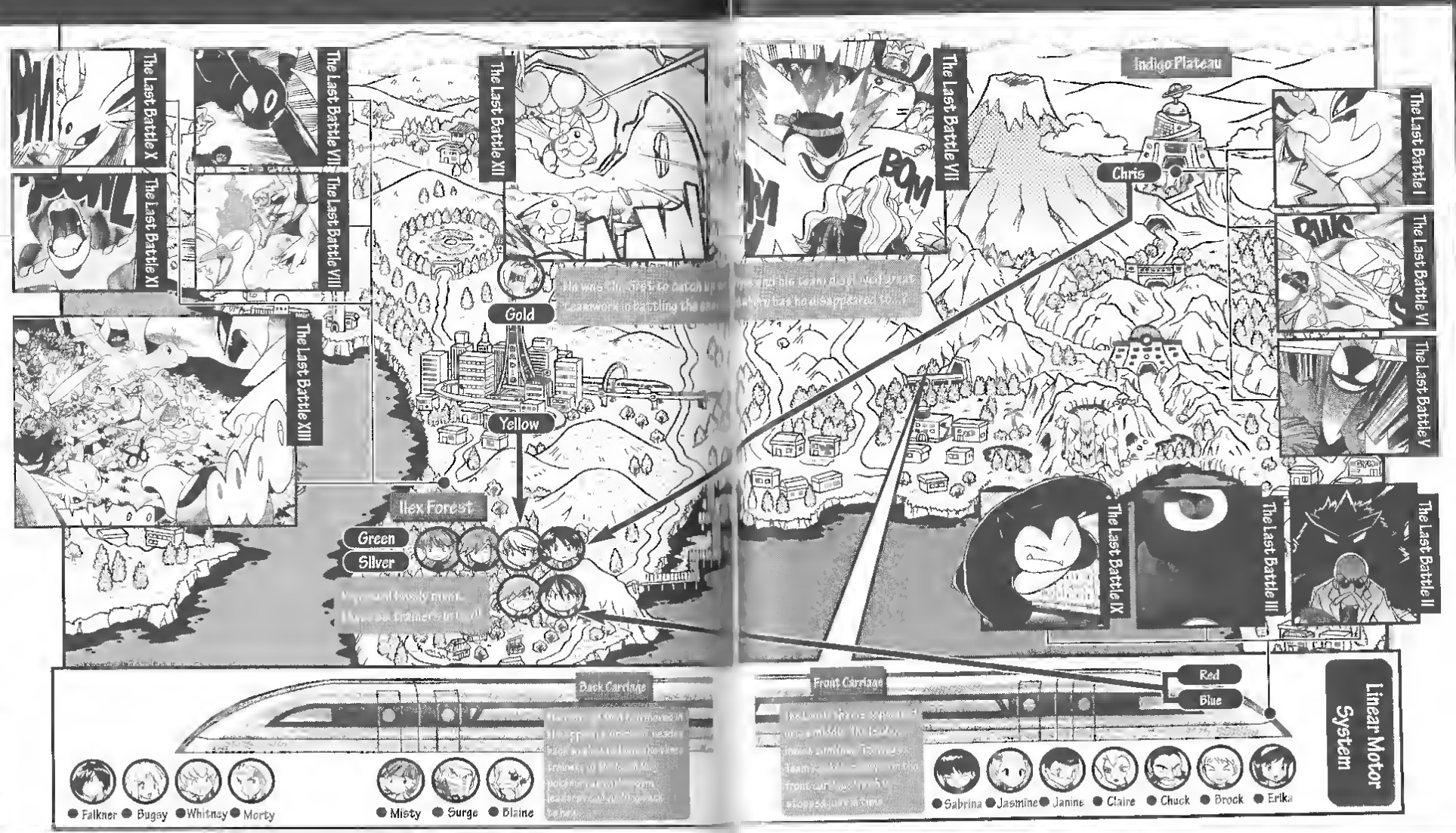
Gotta catch them all!

Route Map 14

The Last Battle has shifted from Indigo to the Ilex Forest! Check out how the characters gather and rush towards the Last Battle!!



Mini Feature 1

The Masked Man Revealed!!

Five areas of Research

Finally! The real identity of the Mask of Ice is known. This section will unravel other mysteries related to this man!

01 Motive

His ultimate motive is to capture the legendary Pokémon Celebi, also known as the "Time Traveling Pokémon." The kidnapping of young trainers and taking charge of the remaining Team Rocket members were all preparations to fulfill this selfish wish of his

▲ Suicune who can read the secrets within one's mind, avoided Pryce, who was one of the gym leaders.

02 Replica

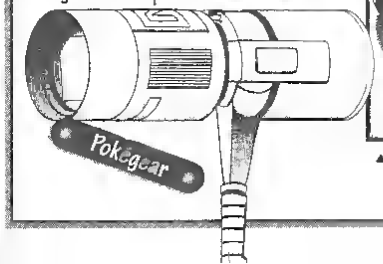
As his aged body does not allow him to travel far from his gym, he has created ice sculptures that can battle on his behalf along with his Pokémon while he's miles away.

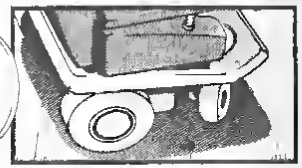
He has managed to capture the two legendary bird Pokémon present at the battle. That's too powerful!

03 Equipment

Pryce used this staff to control the ice sculptures. It has been fixed with a custom-made Pokégear which transmits the sculptures' vision to Pryce himself. On top of that, Pryce communicated his commands via tapping codes to his battle sculptures. Nobody thought it was possible... until now.

Different combinations of short and long taps on the floor form a code similar to the morse code. Pryce does not require spoken words to communicate his commands





▲ A wheelchair with wheels that don't slip on ice. It seems there are more secrets hidden inside!

04 Pokemon used

Although details of Pryce's target, Celebi, are not known, it is said to be of Grass and Psychic type. For that purpose, Pryce has gathered Fire, Ice, Poison and Flying type that fight Grass type Pokémon as well as Bug, Ghost and Dark type Pokémon to counter Psychic attacks

◀ His team includes his expert Ice type and other Pokémon type to capture Celebi (Chapter 103)

05 Body

By maneuvering the water vapors in the air, he can enlarge and rebuild his ice body at will. In the Last Battle, when he decided to battle as the Masked Man himself, he placed himself along with his wheelchair inside the ice sculpture, with his body well-covered by the dark cloak. With a body that grows regardless of injuries, no wonder he's called "Pryce of Eternal Ice Walls"!

◀ To distract pursuers from pinpointing the true identity behind the Masked Man, he changes the body shape every time he appears before others.

Completed! The Monster Ball that captures time!!

This is the special ball that Pryce plans to use to capture Celebi in Ilex Forest. After fixing the capture net weaved from the Rainbow Wing and Silver Wing, the Pokéball is finally completed. Will he get to control time...?!

▲ The Shrine of Ilex Forest is rumored to be the entrance to Celebi's time travels

▲ After collecting the Rainbow Wing and Silver Wing, Pryce is given a second chance at capturing time (Chapter 178)

Mini Feature 2

Special Abilities of Pokémon Revealed!!

Seven areas of Research

To date, 7 trainers have received the Pokédex from Professor Oak. And each of them possess a special ability unique to themselves!

01 Fighter

Red. A previous champion of Pokémon League, he's the best person for Pokémon Battle. It is as if he was born with the sense for battle. His special ability is in Pokémon Battle.

◀ He is able to make swift, accurate judgments. He can even turn his opponents' strategies against them

02 Trainer

Blue. In terms of training, there is nobody his equal. His ability in Pokémon Training is a result of tough training.

▲ He used a Pokémon he had trained from scratch in the tournament. It is an ability that even his master acknowledged

03 Healer

Yellow. Her powers, Pokémon Healing, can bring injured and tired Pokémon back to recovery. It is an ability inherited from Viridian City.

▲ She can heal Pokémon using Energy, without the help machines in Pokémon centers

04 Capturer

Chris. She is the Prof.'s Capturing and we have seen that no one can compare to her skills. She has developed this ability of Pokémon Capturing due to special training since young.

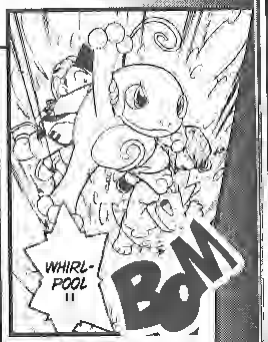
▲ She has captured Pokémon after Pokémon for Professor Oak's research (Chapter 121)

05 Exchanger

Silver and Green. Whilst they were held captive by the Masked Man, they were put under special training for Pokémon Exchanging and Pokémon Evolution. These two areas are closely linked and usually mentioned together. In this sense, both of them can be said to share the same ability.

▼ Silver recalls what he has learnt about evolution from Green.

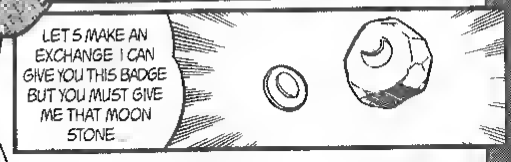
WHEN POKÉMON OF SIMILAR BACKGROUND MEET, PEER PRESSURE PUSHES THEM TO EVOLVE TOGETHER
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE PHENOMENON BUT...!



▲ Silver's quick-witted nature allows him to use exchange at the right time to escape disasters. (Chapter 109)

▼ Green's knowledge in evolution based on stones has decided many victories. (Chapter 32)

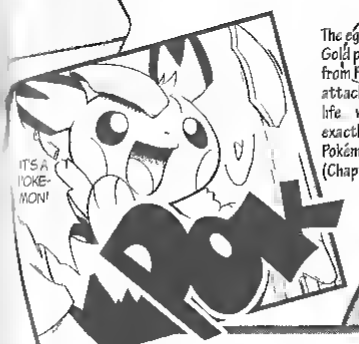
06 Evolver



07 Breeder

Gold. Gold himself did not know that he has the special ability of Pokémon Breeding, the ability of hatching Pokémon from eggs. It seems that Pokémon hatched by Gold will be strongly influenced by Gold...?!

▲ This Pokémon was born with Gold's strong desire to beat Silver! (Chapter 107)



The egg that Gold protected from Pryce's attacks with his life... what exactly is this Pokémon...?! (Chapter 178)

◀ Gold has disappeared with the newly born Pokémon. Where exactly is he now...?!

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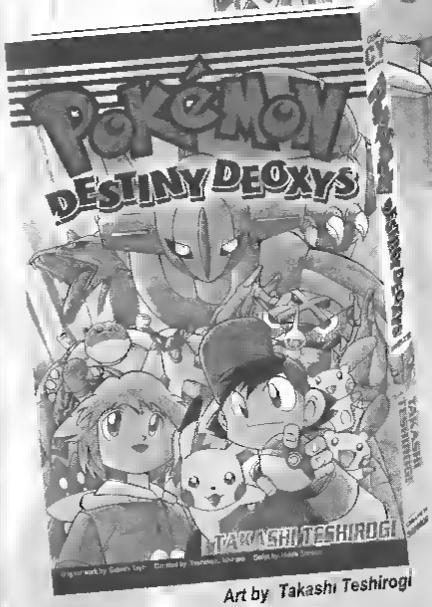

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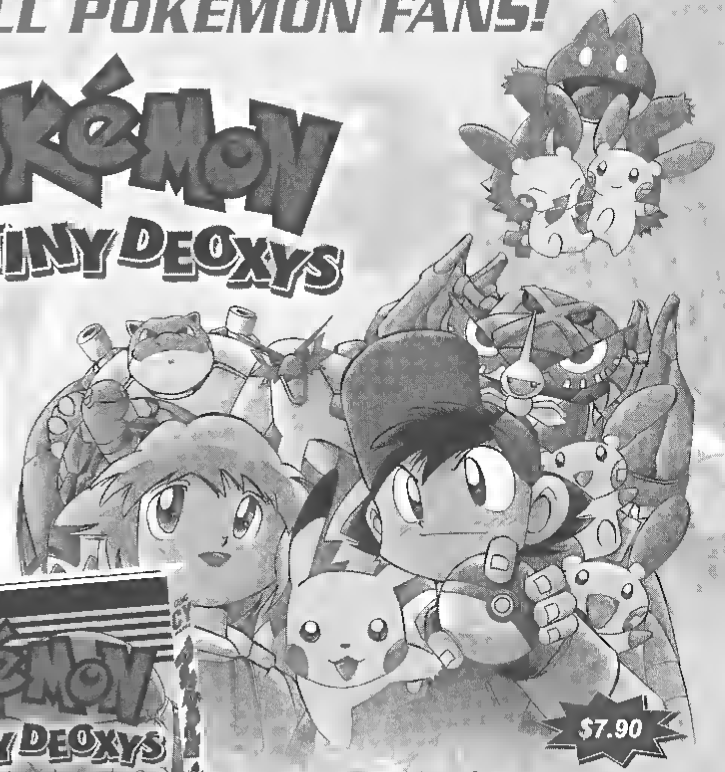

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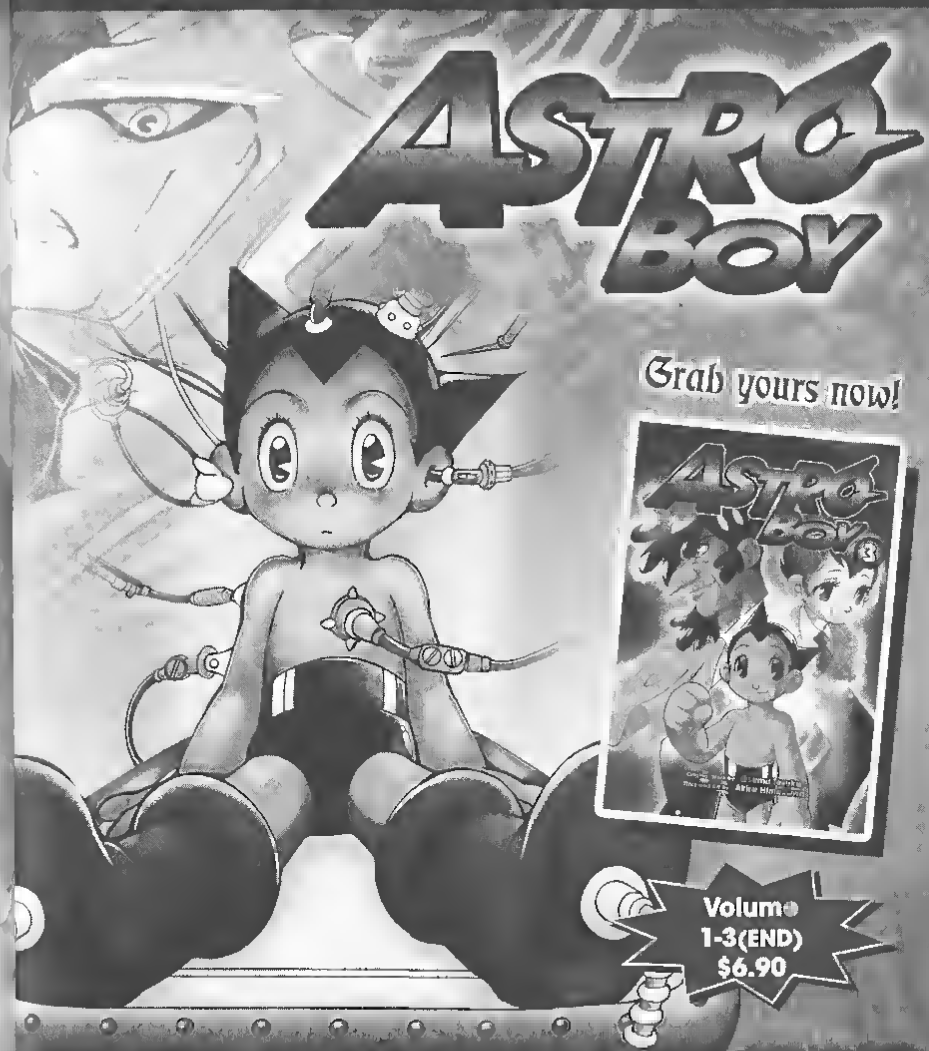

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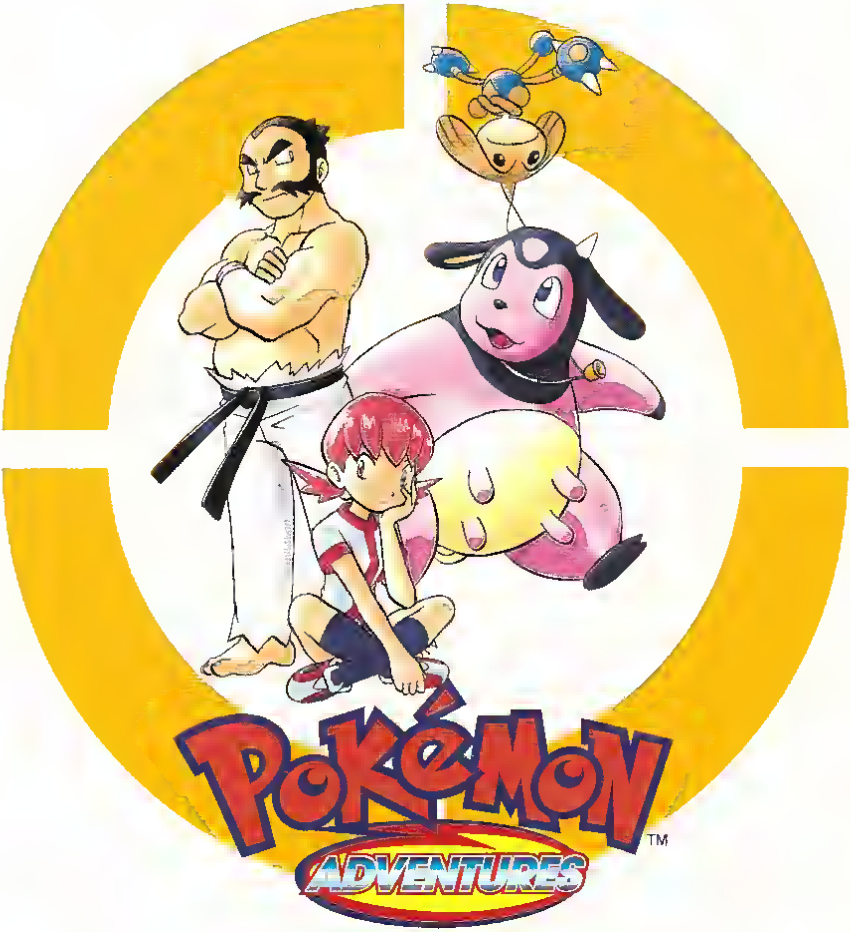

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